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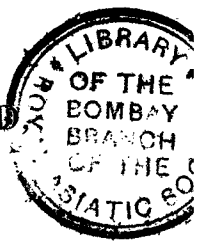

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DEUT. xxix. 24. *Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?*

LAM. ii. 7. *The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the Lord, as in the day of a solemn feast.*

IF a universal discontent and murmuring of the three nations, and almost as general a detestation both of parliament and army, and a most passionate desire that all their follies and madness might be forgotten in restoring the king to all they had taken from him, and in settling that blessed government they had deprived themselves of, could have contributed to his majesty's recovery, never people were better disposed to erect and repair again the building they had so maliciously thrown and pulled down. In England there was a general discontent amongst all sorts of men; many officers and soldiers who had served the parliament from the beginning of the war, and given too great testimonies of their courage and fidelity [to their party], and had been disbanded upon the new model, looked upon the present army with contempt, as those who reaped the

harvest and reward of their labours, and spake of them and against them in all places accordingly: the nobility and gentry who had advanced the credit and reputation of the parliament by concurring with it against the king, found themselves totally neglected, and the most inferior people preferred to all places of trust and profit: the presbyterian ministers talked very loud; their party appeared to be very numerous, and the expectation of an attempt from Scotland, and the importunity and clamour from Ireland, for supplies of men and money against the Irish, who grew powerful, raised the courage of all discontented persons to meet and confer together, and all to inveigh against the army, and the officers who had corrupted it. The parliament bore no reproach so concernedly, as that of "the want of supplies to Ireland, and "that, having so great an army without an enemy, "they would not spare any part of it to preserve "that kingdom." This argument made a new warmth in the house of commons, they who had been silent, and given over insisting upon the insolence and presumption of the army, which had prevailed, and crushed them, took now new spirit and pressed the relief of Ireland with great earnestness, and in order thereunto made great inquisition into the expenses of the money, and how such vast sums received had been disbursed; which was a large field, and led them to many men's doors upon whom they were willing to be revenged.

There was a design this way to get the presbyterians again into power, and that they might get the command of an army for the subduing the rebels in Ireland. Cromwell had, for the quieting the clamours from thence, got the lord

Lisle, eldest son to the earl of Leicester, sent under the title of lord lieutenant of that kingdom thither, with a commission for five or six months. He had landed in Munster, either out of the jealousy they had of the lord Inchiquin, or because the best part of their army of English were under his command in that province. But that expedition gave the English no relief, nor weakened the power or strength of the Irish, but rather increased their reputation by the faction and bitterness that was between the lieutenant and the president, who writ letters of complaint one against the other to the parliament, where they had both their parties which adhered to them. So that, the time of his commission being expired, and the contrary party not suffering it to be renewed, the lord Lisle returned again into England, leaving the lord Inchiquin, whom he meant to have destroyed, in the entire possession of the command, and in greater reputation than he was before. And, in truth, he had preserved both with wonderful dexterity, expecting every day the arrival of the marquis of Ormond, and every day informing the parliament of the ill condition he was in, and pressing for a supply of men and money, when he knew they would send neither.

Upon the return of the lord Lisle the presbyterians renewed their design, and caused sir William Waller to be named for deputy or lieutenant of Ireland, the rather (over and above his merit, and the experience they had had of his service) because he could quickly draw together those officers and soldiers which had served under him, and were now disbanded, and would willingly again

engage under their old general. At the first, Cromwell did not oppose this motion, but consented to it, being very willing to be rid both of Waller, and all the officers who were willing to go with him, who he knew were not his friends, and watched an opportunity to be even with him. But when he saw Waller insist upon great supplies to carry with him, as he had reason to do, and when he considered of what consequence it might be to him and all his designs, if a well formed and disciplined army should be under the power of Waller, and such officers, he changed his mind; and first set his instruments to cross such a supply of men and money, as he had proposed; "the one, "as more than necessary for the service; and the "other, as more than they could spare from their "other occasions:" and when this check was put to Waller's engagement, he caused Lambert to be proposed for that expedition, a man who was then fast to the same interest he embraced, and who had gotten a great name in the army. He formalized so long upon this, that Ireland remained still unsupplied, and their affairs there seemed to be in a very ill condition.

The Scots made so much noise of their purposes, even before their commissioners left London, and gave such constant advertisements of the impatience of their countrymen to be in arms for the king, though they made no haste in providing for such an expedition, that both the presbyterians, who were their chief correspondents, and the royal party, bethought themselves how they might be ready; the one, that they might redeem themselves from their former guilt, and the other, that

they might not only have a good part in freeing the king from his imprisonment, but be able to preserve him in liberty from any presbyterian impositions, which they still apprehended the Scots might endeavour to impose, though they had no suspicion of the engagement [lately mentioned] at the Isle of Wight.

The earl of Holland, who had done twice very notoriously amiss, and had been, since his return from Oxford, notably despised by all persons of credit in the parliament and the army, had a mind to redeem his former faults by a new and thorough engagement. He had much credit by descent and by alliance with the presbyterian party, and was privy to the undertakings of Scotland, and had constant intelligence of the advance that was made there. His brother, the earl of Warwick, had undergone some mortification with the rest, and had not that authority in the naval affairs as he had used to have, though he was the high admiral of England by ordinance of parliament, and had done them extraordinary services. He did not restrain or endeavour to suppress the earl of Holland's discontents, but inflamed them, and promised to join with him, as many others of that gang of men did; resolving that the Scots should not do all that work, but that they would have a share in the merit. The duke of Buckingham, and his brother, the lord Francis Villiers, were newly returned from travel, and though both under years, were strong and active young men, and being, in respect of their infancy, unengaged in the late war, and so unhurt by it, and coming now to the possession of large estates, which they thought they were obliged

to venture for the crown upon the first opportunity, they fell easily into the friendship of the earl of Holland, and were ready to embark themselves in his adventure. The earl had made tender of his resolutions to his old mistress the queen at Paris, who was always disposed to trust him, and the lord Jermyn and he renewed their former friendship, the warmth whereof had never been extinguished.

And a commission was sent from the prince to the earl to be general of an army, that was to be raised for the redemption of the king from prison, and to restore the parliament to its freedom. The earl of Peterborough, and John Mordaunt his brother, the family of the earl of Northampton, and all the officers who had served the king in the war, with which the city of London and all parts of the kingdom abounded, applied themselves to the earl of Holland, and received commissions from him for several commands.

This engagement was so well known, and so generally spoken of, that they concluded that the parliament durst not take notice of it, or wished well to it. And there is no question, never undertaking of such a nature was carried on with so little reservation; there was scarce a county in England, in which there was not some association entered into to appear in arms for the king. They who had the principal command in Wales under the parliament, sent to Paris to declare, "that, if "they might have supply of arms and ammu- "nition, and a reasonable sum of money for the "payment of their garrisons, they would declare for "the king, having the chief places of those parts "in their custody." The lord Jermyn encouraged

all those overtures with most positive undertaking, that they should be supplied with all they expected, within so many days after they should declare; which they depended upon, and he, according to his custom, never thought of after; by which the service miscarried, and many gallant men were lost.

Cromwell, to whom all these machinations were known, chose rather to run the hazard of all that such a loose combination could produce, than, by seizing upon persons, to engage the parliament in examinations, and in parties; the inconvenience whereof he apprehended more; finding already that the presbyterian party had so great an influence upon the general, that he declared to him, "he would not march against the Scots," whom he had a good mind to have visited before their counsels and resolutions were formed; and Cromwell had reason to believe, that Fairfax would be firm to the same mind, even after they should have invaded the kingdom.

All things being in this forwardness in England, it is fit to inquire how the Scots complied with their obligations, and what expedition they used in raising their army. After the commissioners' return from London, upon the king's being made prisoner in the Isle of Wight, it was long before the marquis of Argyle could be prevailed with to consent that a parliament should be called. He had made a fast friendship with Cromwell and Vane; and knew that in this new stipulation with the king, the Hamiltonian faction was the great undertaker, and meant to have all the honour of whatsoever should follow. And yet the duke lived

very privately at his own house, had never seen the king, nor went abroad to any meeting after his return to Scotland; and to those who came to him, and to whom that resolution would be grateful, he used to speak darkly, and as a man that thought more of revenge upon those who had imprisoned him, than of assisting the crown to recover the authority it had lost. Argyle, whose power was over that violent party of the clergy which would not depart from the most rigid clause in the covenant, and were without any reverence for the king or his government, discerned that he should never be able to hinder the calling of a parliament, which the people generally called for, and that he should sooner obtain his end by puzzling their proceedings, and obstructing their determinations, after they should be assembled, than by obstinately opposing their coming together. So summons were issued for the convention of a parliament; and they who appeared most concerned for the king, and to set him at liberty from his imprisonment, (which was all they pretended,) were the earl of Lanrick, brother to duke Hamilton, and then restored to his office of secretary of Scotland, who had been imprisoned at Oxford, and made his escape from thence; and the earl of Lautherdale, who had been with the forwardest from the beginning of the rebellion, when he was scarce of age, and prosecuted it to the end with most eminent fierceness and animosity.

They were both men of great parts and industry, though they loved pleasures too; both proud and ambitious; the former, much the civiller and better bred, of the better nature, and better judgment,

and an openness and clearness more to be trusted and relied upon than most men of that nation: the latter, insolent, imperious, flattering, and dissembling, fitter for intrigues and contrivances by the want of the ingenuity which the other had, and by the experience and practice he had in the committee of both kingdoms in their darkest designs. The former was a man of honour and courage; the latter had courage enough not to fail where it was absolutely necessary, and no impediment of honour to restrain him from doing any thing that might gratify any of his passions.

These two were the chief managers and contrivers to carry on this affair; for though the chancellor, the earl of Lowden, had been a commissioner in England, and as privy to the treaty with the king, and had made as many professions and protestations of duty to him as they, and indeed was willing to perform them, yet he was so obnoxious for his loose and vicious life, which was notorious, that he durst not provoke Argyle or the clergy by dissenting from them. They used all the interest and skill they had, to get such elections in the boroughs of members for the parliament as might comply with them; and the people generally were exceedingly offended, and ashamed of the infamous delivery up of the king to the English, to which they imputed all the danger that threatened them, and the reproach and infamy that lay upon their country; and so had great prejudice to all men who were thought to be the cause of it.

At the opening of the parliament, they did all they could to inflame the people against the army

in England; which, they said, "had forced the "parliament there to break the treaty between the "two kingdoms in their ill usage of the king, who "was imprisoned by the army, nor was it in the "power of the parliament to set him at liberty: "that they had now, upon the matter, absolutely "deposed him, by not suffering him to perform "the office of a king, nor permitting any of his "subjects to repair to him; in which the kingdom "of Scotland was concerned, in that being inde- "pendent upon England, and the parliament of "England, they were by them deprived of their "king, and could not be admitted to speak with "him, nor his majesty to send to them; which "was such a presumption, and violation of the law "of nations, and such a perfidious breach and con- "tempt of the solemn league and covenant, and of "the treaty between the two kingdoms, that they "were bound by all the obligations human and "divine to be sensible of it, and to redeem their "king's liberty, and their own honour, with the "hazard of their lives and fortunes and all that "was dear to them: and therefore they desired "that they might enter upon those counsels, which "might soonest get an army together, which should "no sooner enter England, but it would find a "conjunction from that whole kingdom, except "only the army; and that it would then quickly "appear that the parliaments of both kingdoms "desired the same thing, and to live happily under "the government of the same king."

This discourse, urged and seconded by many of the principal men, was entertained by the rest with so general a reception, that Argyle found it would

be to no purpose directly to contradict or oppose it. He saw the election of the knights and burgesses had succeeded according to their wishes, and that they would concur with whatsoever was proposed; and he found likewise that they had wrought upon the greatest part of their clergy; who believed all they said to them. He did not therefore oppose any thing proposed by them, but only desired, "that they would very well weigh "the manner of their proceeding in an affair of "so great concernment, which was like to termi-"nate in a bloody war between the two kingdoms; "which had hitherto proceeded as brethren, and "had both reaped great benefit and advantage "from the conjunction: and he hoped there was "no purpose to shake any of those foundations "which had been laid in the years by-gone, which "supported that government, and made that king-"dom happy; which if dissolved, all the mischief "and tyranny they had formerly felt and under-"gone, would break in upon them with a torrent "that should destroy them." Every body declared, "that there was no purpose to swerve, in the least "degree, from what was established for the govern-"ment in either kingdom, by their solemn league "and covenant, which they had in perfect venera-"tion, and looked upon it as an obligation upon "them to do all that had been proposed;" upon which Argyle acquiesced as satisfied, not doubting but that, in the prosecution of their counsels, he should find opportunity enough to obstruct the quick progress, and to interrupt the conclusion, and execution.

The lords who had been in England, and frequented Hampton Court, whilst the king was

there, to make themselves the more gracious, had treated all the king's party with all manner of caresses, and more particularly had much applied themselves to those gentlemen of the north who had most eminently served the king, and who had good fortunes there to support their interest. Of this kind there were two very notable men, sir Marmaduke Langdale, and sir Philip Musgrave; both men of large and plentiful estates, the one in Yorkshire, the other in Cumberland and Westmoreland; who having been in the time of peace eminent in their country in the offices of justices of peace, and deputy lieutenants, had, in the beginning of the war, engaged themselves in commands in the king's army with great reputation of stout, diligent, and active officers; and continued to the end, and had not after applied themselves to make any composition, but expected a new opportunity to appear with their swords in their hands. They were both looked upon by the parliament, and the chief officers of the army, with most jealousy, as men worthy to be apprehended, and who could never be induced to comply with them. The Scottish lords had not been scrupulous to let these two gentlemen know what they intended, and "that they made no question but "they should engage their whole kingdom and "nation to enter into a present war with England "on the king's behalf; and therefore desired "them, by the interest and influence they had "upon the northern counties, to dispose them to "a conjunction with them." And because they knew that they two were too notorious to stay with any security about London, much less in their own country, they invited them into Scotland

where they assured them, "they should not only "be safe, but very welcome; and should be wit- "nesses of their proceedings, and have parts of "their own to act in, as soon as the season should "be ripe."

These gentlemen, though they had been hitherto unhurt, and, whilst the army made those professions towards the king, had been much courted by the chief officers thereof, and had been quartered with them as friends, knew well, now the mask was off, that if they did not immediately apply themselves to make their compositions, they should be appre- hended, and imprisoned. And therefore, being confident that the Scots would engage for the king, they accepted their invitation, and told them, "they should quickly find them in Scotland after "their own return." Accordingly, after having secretly spent some time in their own counties, and directed their friends to be in a readiness when they should be called upon, and in the mean time settled a way how to correspond together, they went into Scotland to those who had invited them, and were received by them with civility enough. They owned such a wariness, in respect of the jealousies amongst themselves, and the ill arts of Argyle, that they desired them "for some "time to withdraw to some place," (which they recommended to them,) "and there to remain in "secret, and under feigned names, until the calling "of the parliament; at which time they might "come to Edinburgh, and appear in their own "likeness with all freedom." So after having re- mained in that private manner, where they were well treated for some months, when the parliamen

was assembled at Edinburgh, they returned thither; and were very well looked upon by all that knew them; which made them behave themselves with the more freedom and confidence in their conversation, the forementioned lords telling them all they meant to do, and what arts they were to use till they could get their army up, towards which they believed they had mastered the greatest difficulties.

Though the Scottish commissioners had withdrawn from London, shortly after they had protested loudly against the proceedings of the parliament, both in imprisoning the king, and in refusing to give them leave to repair to him, or to receive from him any directions or orders concerning the government of that kingdom, and thought it high time to provide for their own security by quitting their station at London, where they received every day affronts, and their persons were exposed to contempt; yet there were no sooner preparations towards a parliament in Scotland, than commissioners were sent from the lords and commons at Westminster to reside at Edinburgh, as if they hoped to over-vote them there too; and it was evident quickly that they were not without a strong or at least an active party there. They were received with the same show of respect, and the same care was taken for their accommodation, as had been when they first came for contriving of the covenant; not only the marquis of Argyle, and his party, very diligently visited them, and performed all offices of respect towards them, but even the Hamiltonian faction, and they who were most solicitous to raise the war, attended them as offi-

ciously as others, and made the same professions to preserve the peace and amity between the two nations.

That rigid party of the clergy which so adored the covenant in the strictest sense of the letter, that they did not desire to have any more dependence upon the king, but to lay him aside, and to settle the government without him, as their brethren in England had resolved to do, were never from them, and willingly received such presents and pensions from the English commissioners, as they were prepared and provided to offer to them; and much money was given to make them fast friends. By this means nothing was resolved, or proposed in the most secret councils, that was not forthwith imparted, and made known to them; and they behaved themselves as haughtily and imperiously, as if they had their army at hand to second them. They took notice of the resort of so many to Edinburgh, and that there were many amongst them who had been in arms against the parliament, and demanded, "that they might either "be banished that kingdom, or delivered to them "to be sent to the parliament."

They were so clamorous in this argument, and found so much countenance to their clamour, that they who had invited the English thither, had not the courage to own them; but advised them underhand, "to absent themselves from the town, "till that storm should be over." And even sir Marmaduke Langdale, and sir Philip Musgrave, whom, over and above all the discourses held with them at London, the Scottish lords had sent to confer with as they passed through the northern

parts homewards, and had then conferred with them, and desired them "to prepare all things "with their friends for the surprisal of Berwick "and Carlisle, when the season should be ripe; "and that they would hasten their journey into "Scotland, that they might be out of danger of "imprisonment;" even these men were desired, "either to withdraw again from Edinburgh, or to "keep their chambers there, and not to be seen "abroad, until their army should be raised, and "such a general made choice of as would take "care of their protection." And they did not conceal from them, that they made no doubt but that duke Hamilton should be that general; who often conferred with them in private, and always assured them, "that whatever was, in that place "and season, discoursed of the covenant, which "was very necessary to bring their designs to pass, "he should be no sooner invested in the command "his friends designed for him, than he would "manifest his resolution to join with the king's "party, upon the true interest of the crown, with-"out which he could hope for little success in "England:" and he desired them, "though they "saw little appearance yet of raising an army, "which would be as soon finished as begun, by "the method they were accustomed to use, that "they would write very earnestly to their friends "in England to begin, as soon as might be, to "execute the designs they had laid, in as many "parts of the kingdom as they could, upon confi-"dence that they should receive relief before they "could be oppressed." To the same purpose they writ to the queen, and desired "that the prince

" might be in a readiness to be with them against " the time their army should be ready to march; " which, they assured her, should be by the begin- " ning of May." All which several advertisements, being communicated in England, found a people too ready to give credit to what was promised, and to begin the work sooner than they ought to have done; and yet they were hastened by such accidents, as, in truth, made their appearance even necessary.

The king, whilst he was at Hampton Court, when he foresaw that the army would not comply with him, as he once believed, and resolved to get himself out of their hands, had, as is mentioned before, directed the duke of York, who was of years to be trusted with the secret, " that, when a " fit opportunity should be offered, he should make " his escape into the parts beyond the seas, and " follow the directions of his mother:" and about this time, when so much action was expected, which probably might produce many alterations, his majesty, in all places, found some way to advertise the duke, " that it would be a very proper " season for him to make his escape." The person who was intrusted to contrive it was colonel Bamfield, a man of an active and insinuating nature, and dexterous enough in bringing any thing to pass that he had the managing of himself. He had now no relation to the king's service; he had served the king in the late war as a colonel of foot, and had not behaved himself so well in it, as to draw any suspicion upon himself from the other party, and was in truth much more conversant with the presbyterian party than with the king's.

So that his repair often to the place where the duke of York and the other children were, drew nothing of suspicion upon him.

The duke and his brother and sister were then kept at St. James's, where they had the liberty of the garden and park to walk and exercise themselves in, and lords, and ladies, and other persons of condition, were not restrained from resorting thither to visit them. In this manner Bamfield had been sometimes there; and after he had informed the duke what he was to do, and found one or two more to be trusted between them, that he might not become suspected by being observed to speak too often with him, he provided a small vessel to be ready about the custom-house, and to have its pass for Holland, and then advertised the duke to be ready in the close of an evening, when playing, as he used to do, with the other children, in a room from whence there was a pair of stairs to the garden, he might, untaken notice of, get thither; from whence there was a door into the park; where Bamfield would meet him. And this was so well adjusted, that the duke came at the hour to the place; where the other met him, and led him presently where a coach was ready, and so carried him into a private house; where he only stayed whilst he put on women's apparel, that was provided for him; and presently, with colonel Bamfield only, went into a pair of oars that was ready; so he passed the bridge, and went on board the vessel that was ready to receive him; which immediately hoisted sail, and arrived safe in Holland, without any man of the ship having the least imagination what freight they carried.

The duke, as soon as he was on shore, and in a lodging, resolving no longer to use his woman's habit, stayed there till he advertised his sister, the princess royal of Orange, of his arrival; who quickly took care to provide all such things as were necessary for his remove to the Hague; from whence the queen was informed, and so knew as soon almost where he was, as she did of his escape from London. The prince was not yet ready for his remove, nor was it resolved which way he should go; so that it was thought best that the duke should, for the present, stay at the Hague with his sister, till farther resolutions might be taken; and though the service which Bamfield had performed was very well esteemed, yet they thought the making him a groom of his bedchamber would be an ample recompense, and that it was necessary to put a person of a better quality about his highness, who might have a superior command over the other servants; and because the lord Byron, who had been made governor of the duke of York by the king, was then in England, secretly attending the conjuncture to appear in arms in a quarter assigned to him, sir John Berkley was sent by the queen to wait upon the duke, as governor in the absence of the lord Byron, which Bamfield looked upon as a degradation, and bringing the man he hated of all men living, to have the command over him.

The lord Capel, who was in the most secret part of all these intrigues in England, being entirely trusted by those who would not trust any of the presbyterians, nor communicate their purposes to them, had written to the chancellor of the ex-

chequer, who remained still in Jersey, the hopes he had of a good conjuncture, and his own resolution to embark himself in that attempt, as soon as it should be ripe; and had signified the king's command to him, "that as soon as the chancellor "should be required to wait upon the prince, he "should without delay obey the summons:" and the king had likewise writ to the queen very positively, "that when it should be necessary for the "prince to remove out of France, the chancellor "should have notice of it, and be required to give "his attendance upon the person of his royal "highness, in the condition he had formerly done." About the beginning of May, in the year 1648, the lord Capel, who had always corresponded with the chancellor, and informed him of the state of affairs, and all that concerned himself, writ to him, "that all things were now so ripe, that he believed "the prince would not find it fit to remain longer "in France; and thereupon conjured him that he "would be ready, if he should be sent for, as he "was confident he would be, to attend upon his "highness;" which, he said, all the king's friends expected he should do; and which he was resolved to do as soon as the prince should be out of France, though he should receive no order or invitation so to do.

About the middle of May, the queen, according to his majesty's command, sent to the chancellor of the exchequer to Jersey, commanding, "that "he would wait upon the prince in the Louvre at "Paris," upon a day that was past before the letter came to his hands. But he no sooner received the summons, than he betook himself to the jour-

ney, and to transport himself into Normandy; where, after he was landed, he made what haste he could to Caen, supposing he should there find secretary Nicholas, who had given him notice, "that he had received the same command." When he came to Caen, he found the secretary's lady there, but himself was gone to Rouen, to the lord Cottington, and intended to stay there till the other should arrive, and to consult together there upon their farther journey. The old earl of Bristol, who had lived likewise at Caen, was gone with the secretary to Rouen, having likewise received the same summons with the others to attend the prince at the Louvrè. The chancellor hastened to Rouen, where he found the lord Cottington, who had still the office and precedency of lord high treasurer of England, the earl of Bristol, and secretary Nicholas, who were all his very good friends, and very glad of his arrival. They had received advertisement, the day before, "that the prince, with all "his small train, was passed by towards Calais;" and direction was sent, "that the chancellor, whom "they supposed to be on the way, and the rest, "should stay at Rouen, till they should receive "new orders from Calais, where his royal high-"ness would take new measures what he was to "do." So they stayed together at Rouen, where there were at the same time very many English of quality in their own condition, who were driven out of England, as well as they, for their fidelity to the king, and had brought somewhat with them for their support abroad, till they might upon some good change return to their own country. In the mean time they lived very decently together in

that city; where they were well esteemed. The way between Rouen and Calais was so dangerous without a very strong convoy, that no day passed without robberies and murders, so that they were glad of their order not to stir from thence, till they should receive a very particular direction from the prince; and within few days they received advice, "that the prince had, as soon as he came to "Calais, put himself on board a ship that he found "there bound for Holland, whence they were to "hear from him, how they should dispose of themselves." Whereupon they all resolved to remove from Rouen to Dieppe, from whence they might embark themselves for Holland if they saw cause; the ways by land, in regard that both the French and the Spanish armies were in the field, being very dangerous. The night before they were to leave Rouen, the secretary received notice by an express from Caen, that his wife was at the point of death, whereupon he was obliged to return to Caen, and the lord Cottington, the earl of Bristol, and the chancellor, set forward next day for Dieppe.

The prince's remove from Paris on such a sudden, proceeded from an accident in England that was very extraordinary, and looked like a call from Heaven. The parliament had prepared, according to custom, a good fleet of ten or a dozen ships for the summer guard, and appointed Rainsborough to be admiral thereof; who had been bred at sea, and was the son of an eminent commander at sea, lately dead; but he himself, from the time of the new model, had been an officer of foot in the army, and was a colonel of special note and account, and

of Cromwell's chief confidents; which offended the earl of Warwick much, and disposed him to concurrence with his brother. And captain Batten was as much unsatisfied, who had acted so great a part in the first alienating the fleet and the affections of the seamen from the king, and had ever been their vice-admiral afterwards, and the person upon whom they principally relied at sea. Rainsborough, as long as he remained in the navy, had been under his command, and both the earl and he well knew that this man was now made admiral of this fleet, because they, being presbyterians, should have no credit or influence upon it; which made them solicitous enough that the seamen should not be well pleased with the alteration; and they looked upon Rainsborough as a man that had forsaken them, and preferred the land before the sea service. The seamen are a nation by themselves, a humorous and fantastic people; fierce, and rude in whatsoever they resolve or are inclined to, unsteady and inconstant in pursuing it, and jealous of those tomorrow by whom they are governed to-day. These men, observing the general discontent of the people, and that, however the parliament was obeyed by the power of the army, both army and parliament were grown very odious to them, and hearing so much discourse of an army from Scotland ready to enter into the kingdom, they concluded that the king would be restored; and then remembering that the revolt of the fleet was the preamble to the loss of his majesty's authority every where else, and the cause of all his misfortunes, imagined it would be a glorious thing to them, if they could lead the way to his majesty's restoration by their

declaring for him. This was an agitation among the common seamen, without communicating it to any officer of the quality of master of a ship. This inclination was much improved in them by a general disposition in Kent to an insurrection for the king, and by some gentlemen's coming on board the ships, according to the custom of that country; who fomented the good disposition in the seamen by all the ways they could.

At this very time there appeared generally throughout Kent the same indigested affection to the king, and inclination to serve him, as was among the seamen, and was conducted with much less order and caution, neither the one nor the other having been designed by those who took care of the king's affairs, and who designed those insurrections which happened in other parts of the kingdom. They knew nothing, that is, contributed nothing to this distemper among the seamen, though they were not without some hope, that, upon other revolutions, somewhat might likewise fall out at sea to the advantage of the king's affairs. They had some expectation indeed from Kent, where they knew the people were generally well affected, and depended upon two or three gentlemen of that country, who had been officers in the king's army, and resolved to bring in some troops of horse, when occasion should be ripe; but it was resolved that the Scottish army should be entered the kingdom, by which the parliament army would be upon their march towards them, before they would have any appearance of force in the parts near London; and then they believed that both country and city would rise together.

And so those gentlemen of Kent, who were privy to any design, lay privately in London to avoid all cabals in their country; so that what now fell out there, was by mere chance and accident, that could never be foreseen, or prevented.

There happened to be at some jovial meeting in Kent about that time, one Mr. L'Estrange, a younger brother of a good family in Norfolk, who had been always of the king's party, and for attempting somewhat in his own country for his majesty's service, had been taken prisoner by the parliament, and by a court of war condemned to die, but being kept in prison till the end of the war, was then set at liberty, as one in whom there was no more danger. But he retained his old affections, and more remembered the cruel usage he had received, than that they had not proceeded as cruelly with him as they might have done. He had a great friendship with a young gentleman, Mr. Hales, who lived in Kent, and was married to a lady of a noble birth and fortune, he being heir to one of the greatest fortunes of that country, but was to expect the inheritance from the favour of an old severe grandfather, who for the present kept the young couple from running into any excess; the mother of the lady being of as sour and strict a nature as the grandfather, and both of them so much of the parliament party, that they were not willing any part of their estates should be hazarded for the king. At the house of this Mr. Hales, Mr. L'Estrange was, when, by the communication which that county always hath with the ships which lie in the Downs, the report first did arise that the fleet would presently declare

for the king, and those seamen who came on shore talked as if the city of London would join with them. This drew many gentlemen of the country who wished well, to visit the ships, and they returned more confirmed of the truth of what they had heard. Good-fellowship was a vice generally spread over that country, and this young great heir, who had been always bred among his neighbours, affected that which they were best pleased with, and so his house was a rendezvous for those who delighted in that exercise, and who every day brought him the news of the good inclinations in the fleet for the king; and all men's mouths were full of the general hatred the whole kingdom had against the parliament as well as the army. Mr. L'Estrange was a man of a good wit, and a fancy very luxuriant, and of an enterprising nature. He observed, by the good company that came to the house, that the affections of all that large and populous country were for the king. He begun to tell Mr. Hales, "that though his grandfather "did in his heart wish the king well, yet his car-"riage had been such in his conjunction with the "parliament, that he had more need of the king's "favour than of his grandfather's to be heir to "that great estate; and that certainly nothing "could be more acceptable to his grandfather, or "more glorious to him, than to be the instrument "of both;" and therefore advised him "to put "himself into the head of his own country, which "would be willing to be led by him; that when "the Scots were entered into the northern parts, "and all the kingdom should be in arms, he "might, with the body of his countrymen, march

" towards London; which would induce both the " city and the parliament to join with him, whereby " he should have great share in the honour of re- " storing the king."

The company that frequented the house thought the discourse very reasonable, and saw that the issue must be very honourable: the young lady of the house was full of zeal for the king, and was willing her husband should be the instrument of his delivery: the young gentleman himself had not been enough conversant in the affairs of the world to apprehend the danger or hazard of the attempt, and so referred himself and the whole business to be governed and conducted by Mr. L'Estrange, whom they all believed by his discourse to be an able soldier. He writ some letters to particular gentlemen, who he was informed would receive them willingly, and signed warrants to the constables of hundreds with his own name, which had been never heard of in the country, requiring, " in his majesty's name, all persons to " appear, at a time and place appointed, to advise " together, and to lay hold on such opportunities, " as should be offered for relieving the king and " delivering him out of prison." There was an incredible appearance of the country at the place appointed, where Mr. L'Estrange appeared with Mr. Hales, and those persons which had been used to their company. Mr. L'Estrange spoke to them in a style very much his own; and being not very clear to be understood, the more prevailed over them. He spake like a man in authority, inveighed against " the tyranny of the army, which " had subdued the parliament, against their bar-

" barous imprisonment of the king, and against a " conspiracy they had to murder him." He added, " that the affections of that noble country were " well known to his majesty, and that he had " therefore appointed the fleet that was in the " Downs to join with them; and that he doubted " not but they would together be too strong for " his enemies, who were like to have enough to " do to defend themselves in many other places; " and that his majesty was willing they should " have a gentleman of their own country, well " known to them, to be their general;" and named Mr. Hales; who was present. There was not one man who so much as asked for any letter or commission, or other authority from the king; but all of them, very frankly and unanimously, declared " they would be ready to join, and march as their " general Hales should direct;" and so another day and place was appointed for another appearance, and listing and forming their regiments; and in the mean time Mr. L'Estrange set out such declarations and engagements, as he thought most like to prevail with the people, and required, " that " they should be read in all churches;" which was done accordingly. The next appearance was greater than the former; and with the same courage, many coming armed both horse and foot, and shewing a marvellous alacrity to the engagement. Their general then gave out his commissions for several regiments, and a new day was appointed for their rendezvous, when all should come armed, and keep together in a body, until it should be fit to march to London.

It was known that the fleet was gone out of the

Downs, but it was as well known that it had absolutely renounced the service of the parliament, and rejected all their officers. It was easy to persuade the people, that they were gone upon some important enterprise, and would speedily return; and it was insinuated, "that it was gone to the Isle of "Wight to release the king, who would return "with it into Kent;" which made them hasten their preparations.

At the time when the king made the earl of Northumberland admiral, he declared, and it was inserted in his commission, "that he should enjoy "that office during the minority of the duke of "York;" and the duke having made his escape at this time, when there was this commotion amongst the seamen, it was no sooner known that his highness was in Holland, but the seamen talked aloud, "that they would go to their admiral;" and the gentlemen of Kent stirring them up and inflaming them to that resolution, and the seamen again pressing the gentlemen to hasten their rising in arms, that they might assist and second each other, they both declared themselves sooner than they ought to have done, and before they were prepared for an enterprise of that importance.

The parliament was well informed of the distemper amongst the seamen, and had therefore forborne putting the half of the provisions aboard the ships, which, for the greatest part, lay ready in the Downs, wanting only half the victual they were to have for the summer service. But those officers which were on board, finding they had no authority, and that the seamen mocked and laughed at them, sent every day to inform the parlia-

ment, what mutinous humour the whole fleet was in. Whereupon they sent Rainsborough and some other officers thither; presuming that the presence of the admiral would quickly quiet all. He, being a man of a rough imperious nature, as soon as he came on board his ship, begun to make a strict inquiry into the former disorders and mutinous behaviour, upon which all the men of his ship retired into their old fortress of one and all, and presently laid hold on him, and put him, and such other officers of the ship as they liked not, into the boat, and sent them on shore. Which was no sooner known to the rest of the ships, but they followed their example, and used their officers in the same manner. After they had for some days been feasted and caressed by the people of Kent, some of the gentlemen putting themselves on board to join with them, and in order to assist them towards providing such necessaries as were wanting, they went out of the Downs, and stood for Holland, that they might find their admiral; and let fall their anchors before the Brill. What was done by the gentlemen of Kent on shore, and the success thereof, will be related hereafter.

This so very seasonable revolt of the fleet, in a conjuncture when so many advantages were expected, was looked upon as a sure omen of the deliverance of the king. And the report that the ships were before Calais, as if they had expected somebody there, which was true, for some time, was the reason that it was thought fit that the prince (who had hitherto thought of nothing but being sent for by the Scots, and how to find himself with them) should make all possible haste to

Calais. This was the cause of that his sudden motion, which was yet retarded for want of money, and all other things necessary for his journey. The cardinal shewed no manner of favouring all these appearances of advantage to the king; he gave less countenance to Scotland, than he had ever done when it was in rebellion against the king; and, notwithstanding all his promises with reference to Ireland, the marquis of Ormond remained still at Paris, without obtaining arms or money in any proportion, (both which had been promised so liberally,) and was, after all importunities, compelled to transport himself into Ireland (where he was so importunately called for) without any manner of supplies, which were expected. And now, when the remove of the prince was so behoveful, the cardinal utterly refused to furnish him with any money; all which discountenances were shortly after remembered to Cromwell, as high merit.

The prince's remove was by every body thought so necessary, that the lord Jermyn, as was pretended, found means to borrow so much money as was necessary for the journey; which the king paid long after with full interest. Dr. Goffe, a man well known in that time, as the chief agent and confident of my lord Jermyn, was presently sent into Holland, to dispose the seamen to be willing to receive the lord Jermyn to command the fleet. So solicitous that nobleman was to be in the head of any action that was like to prosper, how unfit soever he was for it; having neither industry, nor knowledge of any thing of the sea, and being less beloved by the seamen than any man

that could be named. The prince made what haste he could to Calais, attended by prince Rupert, the lord Hopton, and the lord Colepepper, and some other gentlemen, besides his own domestics; and finding one of the English frigates before Calais, and understanding that the duke of York was gone from the Hague to Helvoetsluys, and had put himself on board the fleet there, his highness presently embarked, and made the more haste lest his brother should be in action before him, and was received at the fleet with all those acclamations and noises of joy, which that people are accustomed to; they having expressed as much some days before, at the arrival of the duke of York.

As soon as it was known in Holland that the prince of Wales was arrived, the prince of Orange, with his wife the princess royal, came presently thither to entertain his highness the best that place would permit, but especially to rejoice together, having not seen each other from the time they were children. The prince found the fleet in faction and disorder, and great pains had been taken to corrupt them. Sir John Berkley's coming to the Hague to assume the government of the duke of York, had not been acceptable to his royal highness; who was persuaded by colonel Bamfield, that he had been unfaithful, as well as unfortunate, in his attendance upon the king to the Isle of Wight. The colonel himself was so incensed with it, that he used all the skill and insinuation he had, to lessen his highness's reverence to the queen, and to dispute her commands. Then taking the opportunity of the fleet's being come to Helvoetsluys, he went thither, and having, as is

said before, a wonderful address to the disposing men to mutiny, and to work upon common men, which the fleet consisted of, the greatest officer among them being not above the quality of a boatswain or master's mate, he persuaded them "to "declare for the duke of York, without any re- "spect to the king or prince; and when his high- "ness should be on board, that they should not "meddle in the quarrel between the king and the "parliament, but entirely join with the presby- "terian party, and the city of London; which "by this means would bring the parliament to "reason:" and he prepared his friends the seamen when the duke should come to them, that they would except against sir John Berkley, and cause him to be dismissed; and then he believed he should be able to govern both his highness and the fleet.

At the same time Dr. Goffe, who was a dexterous man too, and could comply with all men in all the acts of good-fellowship, had gotten acquaintance with others of the seamen, and made them jealous of Bamfield's activity; and endeavoured to persuade them, "that they should all petition the "prince," (who, he knew, would be shortly with them,) "that the lord Jermyn might be made their "admiral; who would be able to supply them "with money, and whatsoever else they wanted: "that there was no hope of money but from "France, and that the lord Jermyn had all the "power and credit there, and might have what "money he desired;" and by these agitations, the infant loyalty of the seamen begun to be distracted.

At the same time the lord Willoughby of Parham, who had always adhered to the presbyterians, and was of great esteem amongst them, though he was not tainted with their principles, had left the parliament, and secretly transported himself into Holland; and was arrived at Rotterdam, when Bamfield returned from the fleet, and went to wait upon the duke of York at the Hague. Bamfield delivered such a message from the fleet as he thought would hasten the duke's journey thither; and told him, "the seamen made great inquiry "after the lord Willoughby, and much longed to "have him with them;" insinuating to the duke, "that he had much contributed to that good dis-"position in the seamen, and was privy to their "revolt, and had promised speedily to come to "them, and that it would be the most acceptable "thing his highness could do to carry him with "him to the fleet, and make him his vice-admiral." The duke made all imaginable haste to Helvoetsluys, and immediately went on board the Admiral; where he was received with the usual marks of joy and acclamation. He declared the lord Willoughby his vice-admiral, and appointed some other officers in the several ships, and seemed very desirous to be out at sea. In the mean time Bamfield continued his activity; and the doctor, finding he had little hope to raise his patron to the height he proposed, did all he could to hinder the operation of Bamfield, and took all the ways he could that the prince might be advertised of it, and thereupon hasten his own journey; which did likewise contribute to the haste his highness made. He arrived at Helvoetsluys very seasonably to pre-

vent many inconveniences, which would have inevitably fallen out; and the seamen, upon his highness's appearance, returned again into their old cheerful humour; which the prince knew would be best preserved by action; and therefore exceedingly desired to be at sea, where he was sure he must be superior to any force the parliament could in a short time put out. But the fleet already wanted many provisions, of which beer was the chief; which, by the countenance and assistance of the prince of Orange, was in a short time procured in a reasonable proportion; and then the prince set sail for the Downs; having sent his brother, the duke of York, with all his family to the Hague, to remain there.

Though the duke was exceedingly troubled to leave the fleet, which he had been persuaded to look upon as his province, yet he could not but acknowledge, that right reason would not permit they should both be ventured at one time on board the fleet; and, the prince determining to engage his own person, he submitted to the determination; and was well content to remain with his sister. The prince did not think fit to remove the lord Willoughby (who, he knew, was much relied upon by the presbyterian party) from the charge the duke had given him; though he had never been at sea, and was not at all known to the seamen. But captain Batten coming at the same time when his highness did to the fleet, and bringing the Constant Warwick, one of the best frigates the parliament had built, with Jordan, and two or three seamen of good command, his highness knighted him, and made him rear-admiral of the fleet;

believing, that he could not do a more popular and acceptable thing to the seamen, than by putting the same man, who had commanded them so many years, over them again at this time; whose experience and government would supply the defects and want of skill of the vice-admiral, who was very willing to be advised by him. But the prince shortly after found he was mistaken in that expedient, and that the seamen (who desired to serve the king upon the clear principles of obedience and loyalty) did not in any degree affect Batten, because he had failed in both, and was now of a party towards which they had no veneration. The truth is, the prince came prepared and disposed from the queen, to depend wholly upon the presbyterian party, which, besides the power of the Scottish army, which was every day expected to invade England, was thought to be possessed of all the strength of the city of London; and the lord Colepepper, and Mr. Long, the prince's secretary, were trusted by the queen to keep the prince steady and fast to that dependence; and his highness was enjoined to be entirely advised by them; though all the other lords about him were of another mind, and the prince himself not inclined that way. Dr. Steward, the dean of the king's chapel, whom his majesty had recommended to his son to instruct him in all matters relating to the church, and Dr. Earles, and the rest of his chaplains, waited diligently upon him to prevent those infusions. But, by those two, the benefit of this fleet was principally considered, as a happy means to put the prince on shore, that he might be in the head of the Scottish army; and no doubt if that army

had been then entered into England, as it was very shortly after, the prince would have been advised, with the fleet, "to have followed all the "advice which should have been sent from the "Scots."

In the mean time it was thought most counsellable, after the prince had sailed some days about the coast, that the kingdom might generally know that his highness was there, that they should all go into the river of Thames, and lie still there; by which they expected two great advantages; first, that the city would be thereby engaged to declare itself, when they saw all their trade obstructed; and that their ships homewards bound, of which, at that season of the year, they expected many, must fall into the prince's hands; and then, that the presence of the prince in the river would hinder the parliament from getting seamen; and from setting out that fleet which they were preparing to reduce the other, under the command of the earl of Warwick; whom they thought fit, in this exigent, again to employ; and who, by accepting the charge, thought he should be in a better posture to choose his party, in any other alteration that should happen at land.

When the parliament first heard of the commotion in Kent, and saw the warrants which were sent out and signed by L'Estrange, whom nobody knew, (and the gentlemen of Kent, who sat in the parliament, assured them, "that there was no such "gentleman in that county;" and sir Edward Hales, who likewise was present there, told them, "he was very confident that his grandson could "not be embarked in such an affair,") they neg-

lected it, and thought it a design to amuse them. But when they heard that the meetings were continued, and saw the declarations which were published, and were well assured that young Hales appeared with them as their general, they thought the matter worth their care; and therefore appointed their general, "to send two or three "troops of horse into Kent to suppress that sedi- "tious insurrection;" sir Edward Hales now excusing himself with revilings, threats, and detestation of his grandson; who, he protested, should never be his heir.

The earl of Holland, who had a commission to be general, and the rest who were engaged, were not yet ready, the Scots being not yet entered; nor did they understand any thing of the business of Kent; however when they were assured that they were drawn into a body, and were so strong that the officers who commanded the troops which had been sent to suppress them, had sent to the parliament word, "that they durst not advance, "for that the enemy was much stronger than they, "and increased daily; and that they had sent a "letter to the city of London inviting them to join "with them;" they thought it fit to send them all the countenance and encouragement they could; and thereupon despatched those officers who had been designed for the troops of that county, when the season should be ripe, and who had hitherto lurked privately in London to avoid suspicion. They were desired to call their friends together, as soon as was possible, to join with their neighbours; and were told, "that they should very shortly "receive a general from the king:" for they did

not think Mr. Hales equal to the work, who found his power and credit to grow less, the greater the appearance grew to be; and they begun to inquire for the king's commission. The earl of Holland had formed his party of many officers who had served both the king and the parliament; all which were in the city; and he had not yet a mind to call them together, but to expect the appearance of their northern friends, and therefore consulting with the rest, and finding the earl of Norwich, who had been some months in England under a pass from the parliament, (upon pretence of making his composition, from which he had never been excluded,) willing to engage himself in the conduct of those in Kent, where he was well known and beloved, his affection and zeal for the king's service being not to be doubted, they resolved that he should go thither; and there being many blank commissions ready to be disposed as the service should require, they filled one with his name, by which the command of all Kent was committed to him, "with power to lead them any "whither as the good of the king's service should "make requisite." And with this commission he made haste into Kent, and found at Maidstone a better body of horse and foot armed than could have been expected; enough in number to have met any army that was like to be brought against them. They all received him with wonderful acclamations, and vowed obedience to him. Mr. Hales, upon the news of another general to be sent thither, and upon the storms of threats and rage which fell upon him from his grandfather, on the one side, and on his wife by her mother on the

other side, and upon the conscience that he was not equal to the charge, though his affection was not in the least declined, found means to transport himself, and wife, together with his friend Mr. L'Estrange, who had lost his credit with the people, into Holland; resolving, as soon as he had put his wife out of the reach of her mother, to return himself, and to venture his person in the service which he could not conduct; which he did quickly after very heartily endeavour to do.

The importunities from Scotland with the presbyterians their correspondents, the fame of sir Marmaduke Langdale's being well received at Edinburgh, and that many English officers and soldiers daily flocked thither, but especially the promises from Paris of supplies of arms, ammunition, and money, as soon as they could expect it, set all the other wheels going in England which had been preparing all the winter. There were in South Wales colonel Laughorn, colonel Powell, and colonel Poyer, who commanded those parts under the parliament, which they had served from the beginning: the first of them a gentleman of a good extraction, and a fair fortune in land in those counties, who had been bred a page under the earl of Essex, when he had a command in the Low Countries, and continued his dependence upon him afterwards, and was much in his favour, and by that relation was first engaged in the rebellion, as many other gentlemen had been, without wishing ill to the king: the second was a gentleman too, but a soldier of fortune: the third, had from a low trade raised himself in the war to the reputation of a very diligent and stout officer, and was

at this time trusted by the parliament with the government of the town and castle of Pembroke. These three communicated their discontents to each other, and all thought themselves ill requited by the parliament for the service they had done, and that other men, especially colonel Mitton, were preferred before them; and resolved to take the opportunity of the Scots coming in, to declare for the king upon the presbyterian account. But Laughorn, who was not infected with any of those freaks, and doubted not to reduce the other two, when it should be time, to sober resolutions, would not engage till he first sent a confident to Paris to inform the prince of what he had determined, and of what their wants consisted, which if not relieved, they should not be able to pursue their purpose, desiring to receive orders for the time of their declaring, and assurance that they should in time receive those supplies they stood in need of. And the lord Jermyn sent him a promise under his hand, "that he should not fail of receiving all the "things he had desired, before he could be pressed "by the enemy;" and therefore conjured him, and his friends, "forthwith to declare for the king; "which he assured them would be of singular "benefit and advantage to his majesty's service; "since, upon the first notice of their having de- "clared, the Scottish army would be ready to "march into England." Hereupon they presently declared, before they were provided to keep the field for want of ammunition and money, and when Pembroke was not supplied with provisions for above two months; and were never thought of after.

The lord Byron had been sent from Paris, upon the importunities from Scotland, to get as many places to declare in England in several places, as might distract the army, and keep it from an entire engagement against them; to dispose his old friends about Chester and North Wales to appear as soon as might be: and he presently, with the help of colonel Robinson, possessed himself of the island of Anglesey, and disposed all North Wales to be ready to declare as soon as the Scots should enter the kingdom. But that which was of most importance, and seemed already to have brought the war even into the heart of England, was that some gentlemen, who had formerly served the king in the garrison of Newark, and in the northern army, under sir Marmaduke Langdale, had (by a design consulted with him before his going into Scotland, and upon orders received from him since, when he believed the Scots would be in a short time ready to begin their march) surprised the strong castle of Pontefract in Yorkshire, (which had a garrison in it for the parliament,) and grew presently so numerous, by the resort of officers and soldiers from the adjacent counties, that they grew formidable to all those parts, and made the communication between London and York insecure, except it was with strong troops. Upon which argument of the surprise of Pontefract, we shall enlarge hereafter, before we speak of the tragic conclusion of this enterprise. All affairs were in this motion in England, before there was any appearance of an army in Scotland, which they had promised should be ready to march by the beginning of May.

Indeed as to the raising an army in Scotland, the difficulties were well nigh over, nor did they ever look upon that as a thing that would trouble them, but who should command, and be general of this army, was the matter upon which the success of all they proposed would depend; and if they could not procure duke Hamilton to be made choice of for that service, they could promise themselves no good issue of the undertaking. It was a hard thing to remove the old general Lesley, who had been hitherto in the head of their army in all their prosperous successes; but he was in the confidence of Argyle, which was objection enough against him, if there were no other; and the man was grown old, and appeared, in the actions of the last expedition into England, very unequal to the command. And therefore some expedient was to be found to be rid of him; and they found it no hard matter to prevail with him to decline the command, upon pretence of his age and infirmities, when in truth he had no mind to venture his honour against the English, except assisted by English, which had been his good fortune in all the actions of moment he had performed; and when he had been destitute of that help, he had always received some affront. When by this means there was a new general to be named, duke Hamilton was proposed, as a fit man to be employed to redeem the honour of the nation. He had formerly undergone the office of general under the king of Sweden, where Lesley, that had now declined the employment, was major general under him; and therefore could not be thought to be without ample experience of war.

Whilst this was depending, Argyle took notice of sir Marmaduke Langdale's and sir Philip Mus-

grave's being in the town, and of some discourses which they had used, or some other English officers in their company, and desired, " that, if they were " to have any command in the army, they might " presently take the covenant; and that there " might be a general declaration, that there should " be neither officer nor soldier received into their " army, before he had first taken the covenant: " and that, after they were entered into the king- " dom of England, they should make no conjunc- " tion with any forces, or persons, who had not " done, or should refuse to do the same." This proposal found no opposition; they who were most forward to raise the army for the delivery of the king, being as violent as any to advance that declaration. And though duke Hamilton and his brother of Lanrick did as well disapprove it in their own judgments, as they did foresee, out of the long experience they had of England, what prejudice it would bring upon them there, yet they had not the courage in any degree to speak against it; and the chancellor of Scotland and the earl of Lautherdale were as passionate for the advancement of it, as Argyle himself; and seemed to think that those two gentlemen either had already taken, or would be willing to take it.

It can hardly be believed, that, after so long knowledge of England, and their observation of whom the king's party did consist, after their so often conferences with the king without prevailing upon him, in any degree, either to preserve himself at Newcastle from being delivered up to the parliament, or in their last agitation with him, when he yielded to so many unreasonable particulars to gratify them, to consent to or promise, " that any man

" should be compelled to take the covenant;" that they should still adhere to that fatal combination against the church, which they could never hope to bring to pass, except they intended only to change the hand, and to keep the king under as strict a restraint, when they should get him into their hands, as he was under the domination of the parliament and army: yet they were so infatuated with this resolution, that they discovered their apprehension of the king's party, and designed no less to oppress them than the independents and anabaptists; and upon the news of the revolt of the fleet from the parliament to the king, the insurrection in Kent, and other places, and the general inclinations throughout the kingdom for the king, they slackened their preparations, that they might defer their march, to the end that all that strength might be oppressed and reduced, that so they might be absolute masters after they had prevailed over the army. And at last, when they could defer their march no longer, upon the importunate pressure of their friends in London, they sent the earl of Lauderdale with those insolent instructions, which will be mentioned anon, and positively required the prince immediately to repair to them; positively declaring, " that if his person should not be forth-" with in their army, they would return again into " Scotland without making any attempt;" and the knowing this resolution, was the reason that the queen was so positive in her instructions, notwithstanding the appearance of any other advantage to the king in England.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale and sir Philip Musgrave no sooner heard of this declaration, than

they went to those lords, and expostulated very sharply with them, for "having broken their faiths, "and betrayed them into their country; where "they were looked upon as enemies." They were answered, "that they must give over their design "to redeem the king, or yield to this determina- "tion, which their parliament was so firm and "united in; and would never depart from." And therefore they entreated them with all imaginable importunity, that they would take the covenant; some of them desiring to confer with them upon it, and undertaking to satisfy them, that the covenant did not include those things in it, which they thought it did. But when they saw those gentlemen would not be prevailed with, but that on the contrary they resolved presently to leave the country; and told them, "they would undeceive those "honest people in England, who were too much "inclined to trust them; and that they should find "that they had a harder work in hand than they "imagined;" the Scottish lords knew well enough of what importance their presence was to be to them, for their very entrance into England; and thereupon desired them, "that they would have a "little patience, and again absent themselves from "Edinburgh, till the heat of this dispute was over, "and till the army should be ready to march;" and duke Hamilton, who had a marvellous insinuation to get himself believed, assured them in confidence, "that as soon as he should find himself in "the head of his army, and upon their march, "there should be no more talk of covenants, but "that all the king's friends should be welcome, "and without distinction." So they left Edinburgh

again, and went to their old quarters; where they had not stayed long, before the duke sent for them to come to him in private; and after a very cheerful reception, he told them, " he was now ready; and " that their friends in England called so importu- " nately for them, that he was resolved to march in " very few days; which he thought necessary to " communicate to them, not only for the friendship " he had for them; which would always keep him " without reserve towards them; but because he " must depend upon them two to surprise the " towns of Berwick and Carlisle, against the time " he should be able to march thither; for he in- " tended to march between those two places."

The work was not hard to be performed by them, they having, from their first entrance into Scotland, adjusted with their friends who inhabited near those places, to be ready for that enterprise when they should be called upon; which they then believed would have been much sooner; so that they were willing to undertake it, and demanded commissions from the duke for the doing thereof; which he excused himself for not giving, under pretence of " the secrecy that was necessary; in respect where- " of he would not trust his own secretary; and " likewise, as a thing unnecessary for the work; " since it was their own reputation and interest, " and their being known to have been always " trusted by the king, by which they could bring " it to pass, and not his commission; for which " those towns would have no reverence." Besides, he told them, " that the marquis of Argyle had still " protested against their beginning the war by any " act of hostility against the English, in forcing

" any of the towns; which was not necessary in " order to the king's deliverance; but that an army " might march to the place where the king was, to " the end that those messengers who were sent by " the state to speak with the king, might have " liberty to speak with his majesty; which was a " right of the kingdom, and the demanding it could " be no breach of the pacification between the two " kingdoms."

This argument, they knew, was not reasonable enough to sway the duke. But they foresaw two other reasons, which did prevail with him not to give those commissions they desired, which otherwise might have been given with the same secrecy that the business was to be acted with; the one, the order against giving any commission to any man before he had taken the covenant: and how much authority soever the duke might take upon him to dispense with that order after he should be in England, it might not be convenient that he should assume it whilst he remained yet at Edinburgh: the other was, that, when they had done it without his commission, he might, upon his march, or as soon as he came thither, dispossess them of the government, and put Scotchmen into their places; the last of which he did not dissemble to them; but confessed, " that, though the council " of Scotland would not attempt the taking of " those towns, yet when they should be taken, " they would expect the government thereof should " be in their hands, and depend upon them, with- " out which they should not be able to send him " those continual supplies which he expected from " them." And there being then a recruit of five

or six thousand, which sir George Monroe had near raised in the north, who were to begin their march after him, as soon as he should be out of Scotland, the two gentlemen had no purpose of remaining in those governments, well knowing that their presence would be of importance to the army, at least whilst they stayed in the northern counties; yet they knew well, it was for the service that those towns should remain in the hands of the English, without which few of the gentlemen of those parts would declare themselves, how well affected soever they were; which when they had offered to the duke, they left it to him, and accepted the employment he pressed them to undertake, and parted to put the same in execution in both places at one time, all things being concerted between them to that purpose.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale had several officers, and soldiers, laid privately on the Scottish side to wait his commands, and more on the English; there being two or three good families within two or three miles of Berwick, who were well affected and ready to appear when they should be required; in expectation whereof they had for some time harboured many men. Some of them sir Marmaduke appointed to meet him, on the Scottish side, at a place about a mile distant from Berwick, the night before he intended the surprise, and the rest to be in the town by the rising of the sun; some about the market place, and some upon the bridge, by which he must enter. The next morning, being market day, when great droves of little horses, laden with sacks of corn, always resorted to the town, sir Marmaduke Langdale, with about a hun-

dred horse, and some few foot, which walked with the market people, presently after sunrising, was upon the bridge, before there was any apprehension; and finding his friends there whom he expected, he caused the bridge presently to be drawn up, and guarded by his foot, and sent others to the other parts. Himself with most of his troops went into the market place, where he found his country friends ready to do all he would command. There was so general a consternation seized upon the whole town, there being no other garrison but town's-men, that after they had seized upon the mayor, who was the governor, all things were in a short time so quiet, that they opened their ports again, that the market might not be interrupted. Sir Philip Musgrave, with as little opposition, possessed himself of Carlisle; where he had a greater interest; and the people were generally better affected to the king, and more disinclined to the Scots than those of Berwick used to be; and they both hastened advertisement to the duke of what they had done.

It will be much wondered at, that after Cromwell plainly foresaw they should have a war with Scotland, and had constant intelligence from thence of the advances they made, he did not take care to put garrisons into those two important places, the very strength of which could, for some time have withstood all the power which Scotland could have brought against them. But the same reason which had been current at Edinburgh to this very time, had prevailed at Westminster. It was specially provided for by the act of pacification between the two kingdoms, when the parliaments of both king-

doms combined against the king, "that there "should be no more garrisons kept on either side "in Berwick or Carlisle;" where they were then disbanded, and some of their fortifications slighted; which could easily have been repaired; and, without repairing, could have kept out an enemy for some time. And the parliament would not now permit any men to be sent thither, that the Scots might not pretend that the war was begun by them; but left Berwick to the government of the mayor and the citizens; who could have defended themselves against the Scots if they had expected them. But the truth is, Cromwell had so perfect a contempt of the whole strength of that nation, that he never cared what advantage ground they had upon any field, or what place they ever possessed.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale and sir Philip Musgrave were no sooner possessed of Berwick and Carlisle, than all the gentlemen, officers, and soldiers thereabouts, who had formerly served the king, resorted and flocked to them well armed, appointed, and provided for the war; so that they had not only very sufficient garrisons to keep those places, but troops enough of horse to free the adjacent counties from those forces, and committees, and other persons, who were either publicly engaged in, or well known privately to wish well to the parliament. It was upon the 28th of April that sir Marmaduke Langdale possessed himself of Berwick; and next day after sir Philip Musgrave surprised Carlisle, about eight of the clock at night, many gentlemen of the neighbours being in and about the town, expecting his arrival; so that the citizens were in confusion, and made little resistance. It is

very true, they had both given under their hands to duke Hamilton, that they would deliver up the towns to him when he should require them; he having assured them, "that the king had promised, "under his hand, that those two towns should be "delivered into the possession of the Scots;" which it must needs be supposed that they should first take from the parliament, in whose possession they were both when the king signed the engagement at Carisbrook castle. And the duke had not only refused to give them any men, or other assistance towards the taking them, but, as hath been said, would not grant them his commission to perform it; pretending, "that he durst not do it, "because they were bound not to begin the war:" only he, and the other lords of his fraternity, promised "to send five hundred muskets, and ten "barrels of powder to each garrison; and that "their whole army should march into England "within twenty days; and that, if they were "sooner in distress, they should be sure to be "relieved."

But after he heard that both places were possessed by them, he deferred not to send a governor and garrison to receive Berwick; to whom sir Marmaduke Langdale delivered it according to his promise; and was required "to march with all the "English to the parts adjacent to Carlisle, and "there to increase his troops to what number he "could, with what expedition was possible;" which he performed so effectually, that, in very few days, he had a rendezvous upon a heath within five miles of Carlisle, where he mustered above three thousand foot well armed, and seven hundred horse not so

well armed; all which were raised in Cumberland and Westmoreland, over and above the garrison of Carlisle; which yet remained under sir Philip Musgrave; and, within two days, five hundred horse, very well appointed, came out of Yorkshire, the bishopric of Durham, and the neighbour parts; so that sir Marmaduke Langdale resolved presently to march into Lancashire, to reduce those who were for the parliament there; which he could easily have done, the lord Byron being ready upon the borders of Cheshire to have joined with him. But this quick advance and progress towards an army, was not well looked upon at Edinburgh; and an express was despatched with positive orders to sir Marmaduke Langdale "not to engage or fight "with the enemy, upon what advantage soever, "until the Scottish army should come up." And wherever that express should overtake sir Marmaduke, he was immediately to retire with his forces near Carlisle; which he obeyed as soon as he received the order, and when he might have marched against Lambert; who was sent before with a less strength than sir Marmaduke commanded, and which in all probability would have been defeated.

But, as if this had not been discouragement enough, within one or two days after that express, letters were sent from the council in Scotland, by which sir Marmaduke Langdale was very severely reprehended, "for receiving papists into his army, "and not owning the covenant in the declarations "which he had published;" and told, "that he "should receive no assistance from them, except "the covenant was embraced by all his army." This struck at the root of all their hopes; and was

so contrary to all the engagements they had received from the Scottish lords, both by words and letters, "that they should never be troubled with "any such motions, after they were once upon "English ground; and that then they should pro- "ceed upon those grounds as were like to bring in "most men to their assistance;" that sir Marmaduke prevailed with sir Philip Musgrave to make a journey forthwith to Edinburgh, to expostulate upon the whole matter, and declare their firm resolution to the lords there.

Sir Philip Musgrave, that it might appear that they did not exclude any who had taken the covenant, and were willing to join with them, carried a list with him of the names of many officers in their troops who had been compelled to take the covenant before they could be admitted to composition, or procure the sequestrations to be taken from their estates, and of some others who had taken it for quietness' sake in the places where they lived; with which the Scots were in some degree mitigated, but seemed to retain still their rigour, that it should be submitted to by the whole army.

In the mean time Lambert, having gotten a strong body of horse and foot, advanced upon sir Marmaduke Langdale; who, being enjoined not to fight, was forced to retire to Carlisle, and suffer himself to be, upon the matter, blocked up on one side, whilst he sent letter upon letter to the duke "to hasten his march, or to send some troops to "his assistance, and liberty to fight the enemy."

Though the earl of Norwich had found the assembly at Maidstone very numerous, he found them likewise very disorderly, and without govern-

ment, nor easy to be reduced under any command. They had been long enough together to enter into jealousies of one another, and from thence into factions, and were of several opinions what they were to do. And though they all pretended an entire submission and obedience to the earl of Norwich as their general, yet no man forbore to deliver his opinion of things and persons, nor to inquire by what means they had first been drawn together; which implied that many men wished they had been to begin again. The earl was a man fitter to have drawn such a body together by his frolic and pleasant humour, which reconciled people of all constitutions wonderfully to him, than to form and conduct them towards any enterprise. He had always lived in the court in such a station of business as raised him very few enemies; and his pleasant and jovial nature, which was every where acceptable, made him many friends, at least made many delight in his company. So that by the great favour he had with the king and queen, and the little prejudice he stood in with any body else, he was very like, if the fatal disorder of the time had not blasted his hopes, to have grown master of a very fair fortune; which was all that he proposed to himself. But he had no experience or knowledge of the war, nor knew how to exercise the office he had taken upon him of general, but was very willing to please every man, and comply with every body's humour; which was quickly discovered; and so men withdrew the reverence they were prepared to have paid him, and grew more obstinate in their own opinions what was to be done; and the indisposition increased, when they heard that Fairfax him-

self was appointed to march towards them. They who best understood the affair, and how to apply the strength they had to the best advantage, advised, "that they might retire beyond Rochester, "and by breaking down the bridge there, and for- "tifying another pass or two, which was easy to "be done, they might keep the enemy from enter- "ing into the [east] of Kent" (which was the largest and best part of that rich and populous county) "longer than they would be able to con- "tinue the attempt, for fear of being enclosed by "an enemy at their back, if the city of London, or "those of Essex, who were most spoken of, had a "mind to declare for the king; and by this means "they might be sure of a correspondence with the "fleet;" of the return whereof in a short time they were most confident; and the more, because some gentlemen of their own body were on board the fleet in some authority, who, they knew, would hasten their return all they could.

Many were the more persuaded that the fleet was gone to the Isle of Wight for the rescue of the king, because those gentlemen were gone in it. And without doubt that advice was the most reasonable, and if it had been pursued might have kept the enemy at a bay for some time. But other men less reasonable were of another mind: they did not believe "that Fairfax could have leisure to "look after them; they were confident that the "parliament had so many enemies to look after, "those in Wales growing strong, and having "beaten the party that had been sent against "them; and the officers in the north, who had "seized upon Pontefract castle in Yorkshire, and

" had drawn in a strong garrison from the parts " adjacent, had a body of horse, that infested all " those parts; and the Scots were upon their " march for England; and therefore they con- " cluded that Fairfax could not be at leisure to " visit them: the retiring would be an argument " of fear, which would dishearten their friends at " London, and all those of that part of Kent, which " must be deserted upon their retreat, would desert " them, as soon as that resolution should be " known;" and therefore they desired, " that they " might all march towards Blackheath; which " would raise the spirits of their friends, and many " would resort every day to them out of London " and the parts adjacent; all which were emi- " nently well affected."

The noise for this was the greater, and the earl of Norwich himself was thereby swayed to be of that opinion; and so they resolved to advance, and a short day was appointed for a general rendezvous upon Blackheath; and orders were sent out accordingly.

The disturbance in so many places made the resolution of the general now to be known, which had been hitherto carefully concealed, " that Fair- " fax himself was not willing to march against the " Scots;" which was not now counsellable for him to do. Cromwell was very willing to take that province to himself, and had always so great a contempt of the Scots, that he was willing to march with a much lesser number than he well knew the Scottish army to consist of; and being informed which way the Scots resolved to enter the kingdom, and that they were even ready to

march, he advanced to meet them, as soon as they should be entered, with those troops which he had made choice of, having first suppressed the risings in South Wales by taking of Pembroke castle, and making prisoners therein Laughorn, Powell, and Poyer, the heads of that insurrection, and not troubling himself with Pontefract castle, which he thought would not be of great consequence, if the Scots were subdued.

Fairfax, with a numerous part of the army, remained in and about London to suppress the insurrection in Kent, and watch any other which should fall out in the city or thereabouts; of which they had more apprehension than of all the power of Scotland. And so when the parliament was advertised by their troops which were first sent, that they were too weak to advance farther, and heard that the earl of Norwich was declared general of the Kentish troops, and was marching in the head of them towards Blackheath, Fairfax drew all his army together, and his cannon, and marched over London-bridge to meet the men of Kent at Blackheath, and to stop their march to London. The earl was now advanced so far, and Fairfax advanced too fast to put the former counsel in practice, of breaking down the bridges, and keeping the passes; and they who had opposed that counsel, and were so forward to advance, thought they were now too far. The countrymen were weary of being all night in the field, though it was the warmest season of the year, the month of July, and many withdrew themselves every day; so that they who remained had no reason to believe themselves equal to the power that marched

towards them, and yet there were more left than could hope to preserve themselves by flying, and by concealment. And therefore the earl, upon conference with those who remained, and were resolved to run the utmost hazard, resolved to pass themselves and their horses by such boats as they had ready about Greenwich, and down the river, over into Essex, where they knew they had many friends, and where Fairfax and his army could not visit them in some days. And so they made a shift to transport themselves to the number of near two thousand men, horse and foot; whereof many were officers and soldiers who had served the king, and young gentlemen grown up in those families, who had been too young to appear before.

They found many persons in Essex ready to join with them, who came sooner together than they intended, upon the alarm of Kent; and who had purposed to have passed over into Kent to have joined with and assisted those who had so frankly appeared for the king, if they had not been prevented by their unexpected coming to them. There was the brave lord Capel, sir William Compton, sir Charles Lucas, sir George Lisle, sir Bernard Gascoigne, all excellent officers, with whom colonel Farr, who had served the parliament, and was a known creature and confident of the earl of Warwick, and had at that time the command of Languard Point, a fort of importance upon the sea, joined with them, and many other gentlemen and officers of name, who had drawn together many soldiers; so that when they were all joined together, with those who came from Kent, they made a body of above three thousand horse and foot, with

officers enough to have formed and commanded a very good army.

They well knew Fairfax would quickly visit them, and therefore they chose to post themselves in Colchester, a great and populous town, which though unfortified, they cast up such works before the avenues, that they did not much fear to be forced by an assault; and resolved to expect a conjunction with other of their friends; and were most confident that the Scottish army, which they heard was upon its march, would be with them before they could be distressed.

They had scarce put themselves and the town, which was not glad of their company, into any order, before Fairfax came upon them; who made no stay in Kent, after he heard what was become of the earl of Norwich and his friends; but left two or three troops of horse to settle that county, with the assistance of their committees, who had been driven from thence, and returning now victorious, knew well enough how to deal with those who had revolted from them. When he came first before Colchester, and saw it without any fortifications, he thought presently to have entered the town with his army; but he found so rude resistance, that by the advice of Ireton, who was left by Cromwell to watch the general as well as the army, he resolved to encompass it with his troops, and without hazarding the loss of men, to block them up, till famine should reduce them; and disposed his army accordingly; which quickly stopped up all passages by which either men or provisions should get into the town; though by many brave sallies from within, their quarters were often

beaten up, and many valiant men were lost on both sides.

The fleet, after it had, with all imaginable cheerfulness, submitted to the command of the prince, was not so active as it was expected it should be; and was very much the worse for the factions and divisions which were amongst those who attended upon the prince; who, according to their several humours, endeavoured to work upon the seamen; a people capable of any impression, but not very retentive of it. Prince Rupert, to whom the prince was very kind, did not, upon many old contests in the late war, love the lord Colepepper, who was not of a temper that cared to court him: and there was one, who had the greatest influence on prince Rupert, Herbert the attorney general, that of all men living was most disposed to make discord and disagreement between men; all his faculties being resolved into a spirit of contradicting, disputing, and wrangling upon any thing that was proposed. He having no title or pretence to interpose in councils, and yet there being no secret in the debates there, found it easy to infuse into prince Rupert, who totally resigned himself to his advice, such arguments as might disturb any resolution: and there were so many who were angry that they were not admitted into the council, as the lords Piercy, Wilmot, and Wentworth, that it was no hard matter to get any thing disliked that was resolved there. They had all that admission and countenance from the prince, that they had as much confidence to speak to and before him, as any where else. Prince Rupert had a great mind that somewhat should be attempted upon the coast,

which might have caused some sea-towns, and the parts adjacent, to have declared for the king; which seemed not a design that would bear a reasonable discourse. But action was a very grateful word to the seamen, and they who opposed any thing that tended toward it, were looked upon with great jealousy and prejudice. But the prince was obliged, as hath been said, by his instructions at Paris, not to engage himself in any thing that might divert him from being ready at the minute when the Scots should call for his presence; and they expected the first intimation of that from London; from whence they had the assurance already, that duke Hamilton was entered into the kingdom with an army of above thirty thousand men; which was true.

When the prince came with the fleet into the sea from Helvoetsluys, he met a ship of London bound for Rotterdam, and laden with cloth by the company of Merchant Adventurers, who did not think that the fleet could have been so soon ready for sea. The ship was taken, and, the decks being sealed up, was kept under guard with the fleet; which, at their entrance into the river of Thames, took many other ships of great value outward bound, and intercepted all vessels homeward bound, and amongst those an East India ship richly laden, and the more welcome because the ship itself was a very strong ship, and would make an excellent man of war, and the captain thereof was a seaman of courage and experience, and was very well inclined to serve the king: and, without doubt, if all the ships which were then taken, had been sent into some secure ports, the value of the goods would have mounted to so great a sum, as might

have countervailed a very great expense at sea and land. But as it would have been very difficult to have found such a secure port, where that treasure might have been deposited, so it was not suitable to those measures which had been taken, and were still pursued, for his royal highness's proceedings. The city of London was to be courted by all the artifices imaginable, and that was so alarmed by the fleet's being in the river, and by the seizure of so many of their ships, especially the cloth ship, that there was a general consternation amongst the people: and the lord mayor and aldermen applied themselves to the parliament, for leave to send down some agents to the fleet to procure a release of that ship; and if that could not be brought to pass, that they might buy it at as good rate as they could get it. Which was the introducing such a commerce and correspondence between the fleet and the city, in such a conjuncture of jealousy, that most men believed the parliament would never have hearkened to it; and concluded, from the granting it, that there was another sort of treasure enclosed in that ship, than what belonged to the Merchant Adventurers; and that many of those who granted that indulgence to the city, had more money on board that vessel than the cloth was worth, though the value thereof amounted to no less than forty thousand pounds.

Upon this liberty granted by the parliament, a committee was sent from the city with a petition to the prince of Wales, "that he would restore the "ship which belonged to his father's good sub-"jects." With these men came letters from some of those who were well known to be very solicitous

at that time for the advancement of the king's service, and privy to the treaty with the Scots, and whatever was intended by the earl of Holland: the countess of Carlisle, who was trusted by all that people, and had gotten again confidence with the queen, trusted Mr. Lowe, who was employed by the city in this negociation, to say many things to the prince of the good inclinations of the city, and how necessary it was not to irritate it. And he brought other letters and testimonies to give him credit, as a man trusted by all who intended to serve the king, who had with wonderful address got him to be one of those employed by the city, that he might, under that security, give such animadversions to the prince, and to his council, as was necessary. He was a man intelligent enough of the spirit and humour of the city, and very conversant with the nobility and gentry about the town; and though he was trusted by the presbyterian party, as a man entirely addicted to them, he took pains to insinuate himself into many of the king's party, which did believe him fit to be trusted in any thing that might concern them. But he was a man of so voluble a tongue, and so everlasting a talker, and so undertaking and vain, that no sober man could be imposed upon by him.

Upon the receipt of this petition, the prince writ a long letter to the city, and enclosed in it a declaration, for the publishing of both which in print care was taken, the substance of which was, "the great affection he bore to the city, and the "prosperity thereof;" the whole being in such a style, as might best please the presbyterians, with less care than should have been used to preserve

the zeal of the king's party; and desiring, "that "they would join with him for the delivery of the "king his father out of prison, and to make a "good understanding between his majesty and "the parliament, which his highness desired "with all imaginable concernment." The citizens quickly found, that there was no hope to have their ship released without a good sum of money, which the prince told them "was absolutely neces-"sary for the payment of the seamen, and he "would receive it as a loan from them, and repay "it when a peace should be made." So some of them returned to London, and the rest remained with the fleet, coming and going for a month, and driving many bargains for other ships. By this means the prince received advertisement of the Scots continuing their march, and that those who were enclosed in Colchester were in a very good condition, and willing to expect relief; which they would be sure to receive in due time, the earl of Holland being ready to declare as soon as their pressures should require it. After near a month's negociation, there was about twelve thousand pounds paid to the prince, and thereupon that cloth ship was delivered to the merchants, with a general opinion, as hath been said, that there was somewhat else besides cloth in the body of it; for which there was not any search suffered to be made.

Whilst the prince lay in the Downs, there was an enterprise necessary to be made on shore, which did not succeed to wish. Upon the first revolt of the fleet from the parliament, and before it set sail for Holland, it had taken one or two of those blockhouses, which are nearest the mouth of the

river; and had left some seamen in them, with sufficient provisions to defend themselves till the fleet should return. The prince found these block-houses besieged, and received intelligence out of them, that their provisions were so near spent, that they could not hold out above so many days. The strength that lay before them consisted more in horse than foot; and at high tide the boats might go so near, that there seemed little difficulty of putting in relief, or to compel the besiegers to rise: and the seamen, having nothing else to do, offered to undertake the service for the redemption of their fellows; many land officers being likewise on board, and some foot soldiers, the prince sent some of those with the seamen to undertake the business; but it had no good issue; the tide was too far spent before it begun; whereby they had more ground to march between their landing and the castle than they imagined, and the horse charged them with such resolution, that many of the men were killed, and more taken prisoners, and the rest forced to their boats with more disorder than became them. And some other attempts being afterwards made with no better success, the blockhouses at last came into the hands of the enemy; which though of little inconvenience to the prince, those forts being of very small importance to do any prejudice, yet there was some disreputation in it; and it discredited the designs, which had not yet appeared very prosperous in any place; and any access of good fortune raised the spirits of those, who easily were persuaded to think it greater than it was, in a time when they lay under some mortification.

By this time another fleet was prepared by the parliament of more and better ships than had revolted, and the command thereof given to the earl of Warwick; who very frankly accepted it; and was already on board, and with the tide was come within sight of the prince; and there dropped anchor. So that both fleets lay within that distance of each other, that there was now nothing thought of but a battle; to which there seemed all alacrity in the prince's fleet; and, it may be, the more upon the intelligence that the other was not well manned, and that many were put on board who had more affection for the king; which they would manifest when they came within distance: but whether that fancy was from imagination or intelligence, it seemed to have no foundation in truth.

The earl of Warwick and his fleet appeared resolute and prepared enough for an engagement: yet it was well known, that the earl was privy to the engagement of his brother the earl of Holland, and had promised to join with him. And therefore it was thought fit, that the prince should write to the earl to summon, or invite him to return to his allegiance. This was sent by Harry Seymour, who quickly returned with an answer from the earl, which, in terms of duty enough, humbly besought his highness "to put himself into the hands of "the parliament; and that the fleet with him "might submit to their obedience; upon which "they should be pardoned for their revolt."

Though this might well have satisfied concerning the earl's inclination, yet the prince was prevailed with, that Mr. Crofts might give the earl a visit; who, having more acquaintance with him, having

married his aunt, might be able to get a private audience of the earl; which Seymour endeavoured, but could not obtain. But Crofts returned as the other did; and now there wanted only a wind to bring them together, which coming fair for the prince, he resolved to attack them. All anchors were weighed, and preparations made to advance to the assault, the whole fleet being under sail towards the other; which seemed equally resolved and disposed, though the wind, which drove the prince upon them, compelled them a little to retire, where the river was somewhat narrower. In an instant the wind ceased, and there was a calm; so that the prince could not advance; and some doubts arose, upon the narrowing of the river, as if some of his ships might want water in the engagement. In this deliberation the wind rose again, but from another quarter, which was directly in the prince's face; and would not suffer him to move towards the enemy, but drove him back, and would carry him out of the river. Hereupon were new consultations; great want of provisions was discovered to be in the fleet, insomuch as that they should not be able to stay at sea above ten days, and many ships would want sooner, and therefore since the earl of Warwick, as the wind stood, could not be compelled to fight, and they were in danger to be distressed for provisions, it was thought most counsellable to put to sea; where they could more commodiously engage in a battle, if the earl of Warwick would advance; and if he did not, there was great reason to hope, that the prince might meet with those ships which were coming from Portsmouth to join with the earl, and which might

easily be surprised or taken by the prince's fleet; which was much superior to them in strength.

At this time the earl of Lautherdale arrived in a ship from Scotland; and having left duke Hamilton upon his march towards Berwick, he was sent to demand the performance of the treaty, and that the prince would immediately repair to that army. This confirmed the prince in the purpose of putting out to sea, since it was absolutely necessary to carry the fleet first into Holland, before it could transport him into the northern parts. So the whole fleet went to sea, and continued their course for Holland, with hope still to meet with those ships which were coming from Portsmouth. And meet with them they did in the night; which the prince knew not till the morning; when one put the fault upon another; and it was now necessary to make all possible haste to Holland; since by the conjunction with these ships, besides all other advantages, the earl of Warwick was now become superior in the number, as well as the strength and goodness of his ships; which appeared by his coming before Helvoetsluys, within few days after the prince's arrival there.

It was near the middle of July, when duke Hamilton entered into England with his army, when he came to Carlisle, and immediately took that government from sir Philip Musgrave, and drew out all the English garrison, and put Scots in their place. And after some few days' stay there, the English and Scottish forces met at a rendezvous, in the way to Penrith in Cumberland where Lambert then quartered: and if they had continued their march, as they ought to have done, it is very

probable they had broken that body of Lambert's. But the duke would quarter that night two miles short; and Lambert, in the same night, marched from thence in great disorder and confusion to the edge of Yorkshire. The duke rested many days, that all his forces might come up, which came slowly out of Scotland. As soon as they were come up, he marched to Kendal; where he rested again a full fortnight; the reason whereof nobody could imagine; except it were that those forces which were up in several parts of the kingdom, for the king, might undergo some defeat, that they might not be so united, as to control or obstruct the presbyterian design. For after that army was entered into England, it moved, as hath been said, by such very slow marches, and so negligently, and with so little apprehension of an enemy, and it was quartered at so huge a distance, that the head-quarter was very often twenty miles distant from some part of the army; the duke himself performing no part of the office of a general, but taking his ease, and being wholly governed by David Lesley the lieutenant general of the army, and two or three other officers.

Sir Marmaduke Langdale marched, with his body of English, consisting of near four thousand foot, and seven or eight hundred horse, always a day before the army; by which they intended to have timely advertisement of the enemy's motion, and for which they made no other provision, and likewise meant that he should bear the first brunt of them, desiring to weaken him by all the ways they could. They had not marched many days, it being now near the middle of August, when sir

Marmaduke Langdale advertised the duke, by an express, "that he had received unquestionable intelligence that Cromwell was within two or three "days' march, and resolved to engage his army as "soon as possibly he could, and that he would not "be diverted from it, by the people's gathering "together at any distance from him, in what posture soever;" and therefore desired his grace, "that he would keep his army close together; for "they could not be far asunder with any security;" and declared, "that he himself would rest, and "wait the advance of the enemy, and then retire "back as he should find it necessary."

The duke, notwithstanding this advertisement, reformed not the order of his march in any degree, but was persuaded, "that the enemy could not be "so near; and that, if Cromwell was advanced to "such a distance, it was only with such a party, as "he would not presume to engage with their whole "army." In this confidence, he marched as he had done before. Sir Marmaduke sent him every day advice that confirmed the former, "and that his "horse had encountered some of the enemy, and "that their whole body was at hand; but that it "was true, it was not a body equal in number to "their army, yet all that Cromwell expected was "to join battle with him." All this gained not credit, till sir Marmaduke himself, making his retreat with very sharp skirmishes, in which many men fell on both sides, was pursued into the head quarters of the duke; whither he likewise brought with him some prisoners, who averred, that the whole body of the army was within five or six miles, and marched as fast as they were able.

The duke was confounded with the intelligence, and at his wits' end knew not what to do: the army was not together; and that part that was about him, was without any order, and made no show of any purpose to fight. In this amazement, the duke stayed himself with some officers at Preston; and caused his foot to be drawn over a bridge, that they might march towards Wiggan, a pretty town in Lancashire, where he should, as he thought, find some regiments, and where they might make some stand till the rest should come up. In the mean time sir Marmaduke Langdale returned to his troops, the duke having promised to send him some troops to assist, and that some foot should be sent to keep a lane, that would flank his men upon his retreat. Sir Marmaduke retired before the enemy, and drew up his troops into the closes near Preston. The enemy followed him close, and pressed him very hard; notwithstanding which he maintained the dispute for above six hours with great courage, and with very great loss to the enemy in officers, and common soldiers; insomuch as they seemed to retire, at least to make a stand. And in all this time the Scots sent him no assistance, but concluded that it was not Cromwell's whole army that assaulted him, but only some party, which he would himself be well enough able to disengage himself from. And sir Marmaduke Langdale told me often afterwards, "that he verily "believed, if one thousand foot had then been "sent to him, he should have gained the day:" and Cromwell himself acknowledged, that he never saw foot fight so desperately as they did.

The Scots continued their march over the bridge,

without taking any care to secure the lane, which he had recommended to them; by which Cromwell's horse came upon his flank, whilst he was equally pressed in the van. So that his excellent body of foot being broken, sir Marmaduke, and such of his horse as kept together, were driven into the town; where the duke remained yet with some officers; who all retreated over a ford to the foot, who were in equal disorder. For as soon as the English forces were broken, the Scots were presently beaten from the bridge, and forced to a very disorderly march. However, the duke had still his own army entire; with which he continued to march two or three days, till he came to Uxeter; and in that time many of the Scottish noblemen forsook him, and rendered themselves prisoners to the gentlemen of the country; and Cromwell's troops pressed so hard upon the rear, that they killed, and took as many prisoners as they pleased, without hazarding one man of their own. The duke was scarce got into Uxeter, when his troops, which made no resistance, were beaten in upon him, and so close pursued by Cromwell's horse under Lambert, that himself and all the principal officers (some few excepted, who, lying concealed, or by the benefit of the swiftness of their horses, made their escape) were taken prisoners: the duke neither behaving himself like a general, nor a gentleman of courage which he was before never thought to want; but making all submissions, and all excuses when he was brought to Cromwell that a poor-spirited man could do.

Thus his whole army was routed, and defeated; more killed out of contempt, than that they de-

served it by any opposition; the rest taken prisoners, all their cannon and baggage taken, and their colours; only some of their horse, which had been quartered most backward, made haste to carry news to their country of the ill success of their arms. They who did not take the way for Scotland, were for the most part taken by the activity of the country, or the horse that pursued them; whereof sir Marmaduke Langdale, after he had made his way with some of his officers and soldiers, who stood with him till they found it safest to disperse themselves, had the ill fortune to be discovered; and was so taken prisoner, and sent to the castle of Nottingham. All this great victory was got by Cromwell with an army amounting to a third part of the Scots in number, if they had been all together; and it was not diminished half a hundred in obtaining this victory, after the English forces under Langdale had been defeated.

[It may be proper now to mention, that] the lord Cottington, and the chancellor of the exchequer, had many misadventures; which detained them from attending upon the prince in the fleet. As soon as they heard that his highness had put himself on board a ship at Calais to find the fleet in Holland, they embarked at Dieppe, in a French man of war that was bound for Dunkirk; where when they arrived, they found a gentleman, a servant of the prince's, who informed them, "that "the prince was with the whole fleet in the Downs, "and that he had sent him with a letter to the "marshal Ranzaw, who was governor of Dunkirk, "to borrow a frigate of him;" which he had there, and had by some civil message offered to

lend to his highness; and the marshal, who received them with great civility, assured them that the frigate should be ready the next day, and, if they pleased to make use of it, should carry them to the prince.

They looked upon it as an excellent opportunity, which would deliver them much sooner at the fleet, than they had before expected to be; and so, without weighing the dangers which might accompany it, and might very naturally have been foreseen, they embraced the occasion; there being no hazard which they apprehended at sea, but that they might be taken by the parliament ships; which, by the prince's being with his fleet in the Downs, and so being master at sea, was hardly possible. So they unwarily put themselves into that frigate, and set sail in the evening from Dunkirk; presuming that they should, the next morning, find themselves in the Downs with the prince. But there was so dead a calm that night, that they made very little way; and, the next morning, they found that they were chased by six or seven frigates of Ostend. The sum was, that they were taken prisoners, and plundered of all they had, (which amounted to good value in jewels and money,) and were carried into Ostend, where, though they were presently at liberty, they were compelled to stay many days, not without some hope, raised by the civility of the Spanish governor, and the lords of the admiralty there, who very liberally promised an entire restitution of all that they had lost. But that being without any effect, that brutish people, the freebooters, being subject to no government, they found means to give notice to the prince of all that

happened, and that they would attend his command at Flushing; whither they easily went without being exposed any more to the perils of the sea. Within few days after, the prince, out of the Downs, sent a frigate for them to Flushing; where they embarked several times, and were at sea the whole night, and in the morning driven back by high winds, sometimes into Flushing, sometimes to Ramekins; and so were compelled to go to Middleborough, and after a month's stay in those places, and many attempts to get to sea, they received order from the prince to attend him in Holland, whither he had resolved to go, as soon as the earl of Lautherdale arrived from Scotland in the fleet, and had delivered his imperious invitation for the prince's immediate repair to the Scottish army; which was then entered into England. By this means they came not to the prince, till the next day after he came to the Hague, having left the fleet before Goree and near Helvoetsluys.

The prince was received by the States with all outward respect, and treated by them for four or five days at their charge at the hotel de ville; his royal highness every night lodging in the palace, which belonged to the States too, where the prince of Orange and the princess lay, and where both his royal highness and the duke of York had very good apartments; the prince and duke, after two or three days, always eating with the princess royal, the prince of Orange himself keeping his own table open, according to custom, for the resort of such of the States, or officers of the army, or other noble persons, who frequently repaired thither.

The prince of Wales's court was full of faction, and animosity against each other, so that the new comers were not only very well received by the prince, but very welcome to every body, who being angry with the other counsellors there, believed that matters would be better carried now they were come. They had not been an hour in the Hague, when Herbert the attorney general, who had never loved either of them, came to them, and congratulated their arrival, and told them "how "much they had been wanted, and how much "prince Rupert longed for their company." And within a very short time after, prince Rupert himself came to bid them welcome, with all possible grace, and profession of great kindness and esteem for them. They both inveighed bitterly against the whole administration of the fleet, in which most part of the court, which had been present, and who agreed in nothing else, concurred with them.

The whole clamour was against the lord Colepepper, and sir Robert Long the prince's secretary, who, by the queen's injunction, was wholly subservient to the lord Colepepper. They accused them of corruption, not only with reference to the cloth ship, but to the release of very many other ships, which they had discharged upon no other reason, but as it would be a very popular thing, and make the prince grateful to the city of London. Though there was much discourse of money brought to both their cabins by Mr. Lowe, yet there was never any proof made of any corruption in the lord Colepepper, who was not indeed to be wrought upon that way; but, having some infirmities, and

a multitude of enemies, he was never absolved from any thing of which any man accused him; and the other was so notoriously inclined to that way of husbandry, that he was always thought guilty of more than he was charged with. It was true enough that great riches were parted with, and had been released for little or no money; which being now exceedingly wanted, made it easily believed that such unthrifty counsel could not have been given, except by those who were well rewarded for it; which still fell upon those two.

There was a general murmur that the fleet had lain so long idle at the mouth of the river, when it had been proposed that it might go to the Isle of Wight, where they might, in the consternation the whole kingdom was then in, probably have been able to have released the king; Carisbrook being near the sea, not strong in itself, and without a strong castle, the island well affected, and at that time under no such power as could subdue them. And why such an attempt, which, if unsuccessful, could have been attended with no damage considerable, was not made, was never fully answered.

They were very angry with Batten, and would have it treachery in him, that the two fleets did not fight with each other, when they were so near engaging in the river; which, they said, they might well have done before the wind changed, if he had not dissuaded the prince; and in this the clamour of the seamen joined with them. But it was but clamour, for most dispassionate men gave him a good testimony in that affair, and that he behaved himself like a skilful officer, and was very forward to fight whilst there was reason to effect it. The

other reproach upon him, of passing by the ships which came from Portsmouth, in the night, was not so well answered: for it was known, though he said that they were passed by, and out of reach before he was informed of them, that he had notice time enough to have engaged them, and did decline it; which might reasonably enough have been done, out of apprehension, besides the inconvenience of a night engagement, that the noise of the conflict might have called the earl of Warwick out of the river to their assistance, before they could have mastered them; there being two or three of the best ships of the royal navy, which would have made a very notable resistance. But this being never urged by himself, and what would have been too much for him to have taken upon himself, it was imputed to his cowardice, of which the seamen, as well as the courtiers, accused him; though, as was generally thought, without reason, and only with prejudice to the man for what he had done before, and because he was a man of a regular and orderly course of life, and command, and of very few words, and less passion than at that time raised men to reputation in that county. There was only one man in the council of whom nobody spoke ill, or laid any thing to his charge; and that was the lord Hopton. But there was then such a combination, by the countenance of prince Rupert, with all the other lords of the court, and the attorney general, upon former grudges, to undervalue him, that they had drawn the prince himself to have a less esteem of him than his singular virtue, and fidelity, and his unquestionable courage, and industry (all which his

enemies could not deny that he excelled in) did deserve.

This state the court was in, when the two new counsellors came; who quickly discerned, by the unsteady humours and strong passions all men were possessed with, that they should not preserve the reputation they seemed to have with every body for the present, any long time, and foresaw that necessity would presently break in upon them like an armed man, that would disturb and distract all their counsels. And there was, even at the instant in which they arrived at the Hague, the fatal advertisement of that defeat of the Scottish army, which must break all their measures, and render the condition of the prince, and of the whole kingdom, very deplorable, and leave that of the king his father in the utmost despair.

The rumour of this defeat came to the Hague the next day after the prince came thither, but not so particularly that the extent of it was known, or the tragical effects yet throughly understood. And his highness appointing his council to meet together the next morning after the lord Cottington and the chancellor of the exchequer came thither, he informed them of the lord Lautherdale's message to him from the parliament of Scotland, and that he very earnestly pressed him, even since the news of the defeat, that he would forthwith repair to their army; and his highness thought fit, that the earl should give an account of his commission at the board; whereupon he was sent for in; and, that all respect might be shewed to the parliament of Scotland, he had a chair allowed him to sit upon.

He first read his commission from the parlia-

ment, and then the letter which the parliament had writ to the prince; in which, having at large magnified the great affection of the parliament, "that out of their native and constant affection "and duty to their king, and finding that, contrary "to the duty of subjects, his majesty was impri- "soned by the traitorous and rebellious army "in England, they had raised an army in that "kingdom, that, since their advice, counsel, and "entreaty in an amicable way, could not prevail, "might by force redeem his majesty's person "from that captivity; which they held themselves "obliged by their solemn league and covenant to "endeavour to do, with the hazard of their lives "and fortunes: that this army was already entered "into England, under the command of James "duke Hamilton, whom, in respect of his known "and eminent fidelity to his majesty, they had "made general thereof; and having now done all "that was in their power to do for the present, "and having taken due care for the seasonable "supply and recruit of that army, they now sent "to his highness, that he would with all possible "speed, according to the promise which the king "his father had made, transport his royal person, "that he might himself be in the head of that "army to obtain the liberty of his father;" and they desired him, "that for the circumstances of "his journey he would be advised by the earl of "Lautherdale, to whom they had given full in- "structions;" and they besought his highness "to "give credit to him in all things."

The earl likewise shewed his instructions, by which none of the prince's chaplains were to be

admitted to attend him, and great care to be taken, that none but *godly* men should be suffered to be about the person of his highness; and particularly that neither prince Rupert, nor the chancellor of the exchequer, nor some other persons should be permitted to go with the prince. And after all these things were read and enlarged upon, he pressed the prince, with all imaginable instance, and without taking notice of any thing that was befallen their army in England, of which he could not be without particular relation, that he would lose no time from entering upon his journey; and all this with as insolent and supercilious behaviour, as if their army had been triumphant.

When he had said all he meant to say, he sat still, as if he expected to hear what the prince or any body else would say to what he proposed. It was then moved, "that, if he had no more to say, "he would withdraw, to the end that the council "might debate the matter, before they gave their "advice to the prince." He took this motion very ill, and said "he was a privy counsellor to the king "in Scotland, and being likewise a commissioner "from the parliament he ought not to be excluded "from any debate that concerned the affair upon "which he was employed." This he urged in so imperious and offensive a manner, that drew on much sharpness; and the chancellor of the exchequer, who knew him very well since the treaty at Uxbridge, where they had often differed in matters of the highest importance, treated him with the same liberty they had then been accustomed to. He told him, "he meant not to say any thing in "that debate, when he should be withdrawn, that

" he desired should be concealed from him, or un-
" heard by him; and that he was ready to say,
" that, in his judgment, all he had proposed was
" very unreasonable; but he would not that the
" dignity of the board should be prostituted to his
" demand, nor that he should be present there at
" any debate." The earl replied, " that he was
" sent by the parliament and kingdom of Scotland,
" to the prince of Wales, and that he did protest
" against having any thing he proposed to be
" treated, and debated by, or before the English
" board; nor did he consider what was or should
" be said, by any man but the prince himself."
The prince told him, " it was necessary that he
" himself should hear, and know what the opinion
" of the council should be; and that it was as
" unreasonable that he should be present;" and
thereupon commanded him to withdraw; which
he presently submitted to with indecency enough.
The prince then told them, " that there were some
" persons come to the town, the last night, who
" came out of England after the news of the vic-
" tory over the Scots came to London, with all the
" circumstances thereof; and of the duke's being
" taken prisoner;" and that the prince of Orange
had told him, " that the States had received in-
" telligence of it from their ambassador Newport,
" who resided in London." Upon the whole
matter, the prince resolved " to meet again the
" next morning to consult farther what he was to
" do, and that, in the mean time, the intelligence
" would be more perfect, and unquestionable, and
" they should see whether Lautherdale would take
" any notice of it."

But the night made no alteration in him; he appeared the next morning with the same confidence, and the same importunity for the prince to remove, and begin his journey. He was asked, "whether "he had received no information of some ill for- "tune, that had befallen that army, which might "so change the case since he left Scotland, that "what might then have been fit, would be now "unfit and uncounsellable?" The earl said, "he "knew well what the news was from England; "and whatever he hoped, that he was not con- "fident it was not true: however he hoped, that "would not change the prince's purpose, but that "it would more concern him to pursue the resolu- "tion he was formerly obliged to; that if any "misfortune had befallen that army, the prince "had the more reason to endeavour to repair it; "which could be done no other way, than by his "making all possible haste into Scotland; which "remained still a kingdom entire, wholly devoted "to his service; and that, by the benefit of his "presence, might quickly draw together another "army, towards which there was a good beginning "already by the preservation of that body under "Monroe: that if his highness should decline this "only probable way to preserve himself, and to "recover his other two kingdoms, it would be "thought he had little zeal for the liberty of his "father, and as little for his own interest, and for "the preservation of the crown: he therefore be- "sought his highness, that he would cause some "of his ships to be forthwith made ready, and "would therein immediately transport himself into "Scotland; whereby the late wound would, in a

"short time, be healed; which would otherwise "prove incurable."

But Scotland was so well known, and the power of Argyle, (which must be now greater than ever by the total defeat of the contrary party,) that his proposition was by all dispassionate men thought to be very extravagant, and not to be hearkened to: and the news from London, that Cromwell was marched into Scotland with his whole army, confirmed every honest man in that opinion. And within few days the earl of Lautherdale seemed rather to think of going thither himself, where his own concernments were in great danger, than of pressing the prince to so hazardous a voyage; and after a few weeks more stay at the Hague, upon the intelligence from his friends in Scotland, how affairs went there, he returned thither in the same ship that transported him from thence, with as much rage and malice against the council about the prince, as against Cromwell himself.

The wonderful defeat of the Scottish army at Preston, though it was not at first believed to be an entire victory over their whole body, there being double that number that was not there or that marched from thence, broke or disappointed most of the designs which were on foot for raising men, in those northern counties, for the king's service, to have joined and united under sir Marmaduke Langdale. Sir Thomas Tildesly, a gentleman of a fair estate, who had served the king from the beginning of the war with good courage, was then with a body of English, with which he had besieged the castle of Lancaster, and was upon the point of reducing it, when the news of Preston

arrived. It was then necessary to quit that design; and hearing that major general Monroe, who, shortly after the duke marched out of Scotland, followed him with a recruit of above six thousand horse and foot, was come to the skirts of Lancashire, he retired thither to him, having gathered up many of sir Marmaduke Langdale's men, who had been broken at Preston, and some others who had been newly levied. Sir Thomas Tildesly moved Monroe, "that his forces, and "some regiments of Scots, who yet remained "about Kendal, might join with the English under "his command, and march together towards Pres-"ton, and follow Cromwell in the rear, as he "pursued the Scots:" which they might very well have done, being a body, when in conjunction, of above eight thousand men; which was superior in number to the army under Cromwell. But the major general would not consent to the motion, but retired to the farther part of Westmoreland; and the English followed them in the rear; presuming, that though they would not be persuaded to advance after Cromwell, yet that they would choose some other more convenient post to make a stand in, if the enemy followed them; and then that they would be glad to join with them: to which he was pressed again the next day, but continued still fast in his sullen resolution, without declaring what he meant to do; and retired through Cumberland, where he had left a sad remembrance of his having passed that way a few days before, having then raised vast sums of money upon the poor people, and now in his retreat plundered almost all they had left.

The English marched into the bishopric of Durham, to join with such new levies as were then raising there; and their number being increased by the addition of those troops which were under the command of sir Henry Bellingham, they met again major general Monroe in Northumberland, and desired him, "that they might unite together "against the common enemy, who equally de-"sired the destruction of them both." But he resolutely refused, and told them plainly, "that "he would march directly into Scotland, and "expect orders there;" which he did with all possible expedition.

Sir Philip Musgrave believed that he and his foot might be welcome to Carlisle; and went thither, and sent sir Henry Bellingham, sir Robert Strickland, and colonel Chater, to the earl of Lanrick, and offered that they should carry their troops into Scotland to join with him; who he knew well would stand in need of help. But he durst not accept their motion, saying, "if he should, Argyle "would from thence take an excuse to invite "Cromwell;" who they heard was then upon his march towards Berwick, to bring his army into Scotland: upon which sir Henry Bellingham returned with the party he commanded into Cumberland, paying for all they had through that part of Scotland it was necessary for them to pass through.

Sir Philip Musgrave had no better success with sir William Levingston, the governor of Carlisle, for though he received him very civilly, and entered into a treaty with him, (for he knew well enough that he was not able to victual or defend

the place without the assistance of the English, and therefore desired the assistance of sir Philip in both,) yet when articles were agreed upon, and signed by sir Philip Musgrave, the governor fell back, and refused to engage himself "not to de- "liver up the garrison without the consent of sir "Philip Musgrave;" who was contented that none of his men should come within the walls, until it should be most apparent, that they could no longer keep the field.

Within a short time after, orders were sent out of Scotland for the delivery of Berwick and Carlisle to the parliament; in which orders there was not the least mention of making conditions for the English. Sir Philip Musgrave had yet Appleby castle in his own possession, having taken it after he had delivered Carlisle to duke Hamilton, and after he was marched from thence. By this good accident, upon the delivery of it up, which could not long have made any defence, he made conditions for himself, and one hundred and fifty officers, many of them gentlemen of quality, who lived again to venture, and some to lose, their lives for the king: after which, he soon transported himself into Holland.

Cromwell resolved to lose no advantage he had got, but as soon as he had perfected his defeat of duke Hamilton, by gathering up as many prisoners as he could of the dispersed troops, he marched directly towards Scotland, to pull up the roots there, from which any farther trouble might spring hereafter; though he was very earnestly called upon from Yorkshire to reduce those at Pontefract castle, which grew very formidable to all their

neighbours; and, not satisfied with drawing contributions from all the parts adjacent, they made excursions into places at a great distance, and took divers substantial men prisoners, and carried them to the castle; where they remained till they redeemed themselves by great ransoms. However, he would not defer his northern march; but believing that he should be in a short time capable to take vengeance upon those affronts, he satisfied himself in sending colonel Rainsborough, with some troops of horse and foot, to restrain their adventures, and to keep them blocked up; and himself, with the rest of his army, continued their march for Scotland, it being about the end of August, or beginning of September, before the harvest of that country was yet ripe; and so capable of being destroyed.

It was generally believed, that the marquis of Argyle earnestly invited him to this progress; for the defeat of the Scottish army in England had not yet enough made him master of Scotland. There was still a committee of parliament sitting at Edinburgh, in which, and in the council, the earl of Lanrick swayed without a rival; and the troops which had been raised under Monroe for the recruit of the duke's army, were still together, and at the earl's devotion; so that the marquis was still upon his good behaviour. If he did not invite Cromwell, he was very glad of his coming; and made all possible haste to bid him welcome upon his entering into the kingdom. They made great shows of being mutually glad to see each other, being linked together by many promises, and professions, and by an entire conjunction in guilt.

There was no act of hostility committed; Cromwell declaring, "that he came with his army to "preserve the godly party, and to free the king-"dom from a force, which it was under, of malig-"nant men, who had forced the nation to break "the friendship with their brethren of England, "who had been so faithful to them: that it "having pleased God to defeat that army under "duke Hamilton, who endeavoured to engage the "two nations in each other's blood, he was come "thither to prevent any farther mischief, and to "remove those from authority who had used their "power so ill; and that he hoped he should, in "very few days, return with an assurance of the "brotherly affection of that kingdom to the par-"liament of England; which did not desire in "any degree to invade their liberties, or infringe "their privileges." He was conducted to Edinburgh by the marquis of Argyle, where he was received with all solemnity, and the respect due to the deliverer of their country, and his army quartered about, and supplied with all provisions the country could yield.

The earl of Lanrick, and all the Hamiltonian faction, (that is, all who had a mind to continue of it,) were withdrawn, and out of reach; and they who remained at Edinburgh were resolved to obey Argyle; who they saw could protect them. There were then enough left of the committee of parliament to take care of the safety and good of the kingdom, without putting Cromwell to help them by the power of the English; which would have been a great discredit to their government. Whilst he remained their guest, (whom they entertained

magnificently,) Argyle was able, by the laws of Scotland, to reform all that was amiss, and preserve the government upon the true foundation. So the committee of parliament sent to Monroe an order and command to disband his troops; which when he seemed resolved not to do, he quickly discerned that Cromwell must be arbitrator; and thereupon he observed the orders of the committee very punctually: so that there was no power in Scotland that could oppose the command of Argyle; the committee of parliament, the council, all the magistrates of Edinburgh, were at his devotion; and whoever were not so, were either in prison, or fled. The pulpits were full of invectives against the sinfulness of the late engagement, and solemn fasts enjoined by the assembly to implore God's pardon and forgiveness for that heinous transgression; the chancellor Lowden giving the good example, by making his recantation and humble submission with many tears. Cromwell had reason to believe that it would henceforward prove as peaceable a kingdom as he could wish; and having therefore concerted all things with his bosom friend Argyle, (who resolved, as soon as he was withdrawn a distance from Edinburgh, that he and his army might not be thought to have an influence upon the councils, to call the parliament to confirm all he should think fit to do,) he returned for England; where he thought his presence was like to be wanted.

The committee of parliament at Edinburgh (who had authority to convene the parliament when the major part of them should please; care being taken in the nomination of them, that they were such as

were thought most like to pursue the way they were entered into) sent out their summons to call the parliament. They who appeared, were of another mind from what they had been formerly, and with the same passion and zeal with which they had entered into the engagement, they now declared it unlawful and ungodly; and the assembly joining with them, they excommunicated all who had the most eminent parts in the promoting it; and made them incapable of bearing any office in the state, or of sitting in council, or in parliament; subjecting those who had sinned in a less degree, to such penalties as would for ever make them subject to their government. By these judgments, amongst others, the earl of Lanrick was deprived of being secretary of state, and that office was conferred upon the earl of Lothian; who, in the beginning of the rebellion, had been employed by the conspirators into France, and coming afterwards into England was imprisoned thereupon, and being after set at liberty continued amongst those who, upon all occasions, carried the rebellion highest, and shewed the most implacable malice to the person of the king. And by this time Argyle was become so much more master of Scotland than Cromwell was of England, that he had not so much as the shadow of a parliament to contend, or to comply with, or a necessity to exercise his known great talent of dissimulation, all men doing as he enjoined them, without asking the reason of his direction.

[To return to the state of the king's affairs in England:] when the earl of Norwich and the lord Capel with the Kentish and Essex troops were

enclosed in Colchester, their friends could not reasonably hope that the Scottish army, which had so long deferred their march into England, contrary to their promise, would, though they were now come in, march fast enough to relieve Colchester before they should be reduced by famine. The earl of Holland thought it necessary, since many who were in Colchester had engaged themselves upon his promises and authority, now to begin his enterprise; to which the youth and warmth of the duke of Buckingham, who was general of the horse, the lord Francis Villiers his brother, and divers other young noblemen, spurred him on. And he might have the better opinion of his interest and party, in that his purpose of rising, and putting himself into arms for the relief of Colchester, was so far from being a secret, that it was the common discourse of the town. There was a great appearance every morning, at his lodging, of those officers who were known to have served the king; his commissions shewed in many hands; no question being more commonly asked, than "when "doth my lord Holland go out?" and the answer was, "such and such a day;" and the hour he did take horse, when he was accompanied by an hundred horse from his house, was publicly talked of two or three days before.

His first rendezvous was at Kingston upon Thames; where he stayed two nights, and one whole day, expecting a great resort to him, not only of officers, but of common men, who had promised, and listed themselves under several officers; and he imputed the security he had enjoyed so long, notwithstanding his purpose was so generally

known, to the apprehension both the parliament and the army had of the affections of the city to join with him; and he believed, that he should not only remain secure at Kingston, as long as he should think fit to stay there, but that some entire regiments of the city would march out with him for the relief of Colchester.

During the short stay he made at Kingston, some officers and soldiers, both of horse and foot, came thither, and many persons of honour and quality, in their coaches, came to visit him and his company from London; and returned thither again to provide what was still wanting, and resolved to be with him soon enough. The principal officer the earl relied upon (though he had better) was Dalbeer a Dutchman, of name and reputation, and good experience in war; who had served the parliament as commissary general of the horse under the earl of Essex, and having been left out in the new model, was amongst those discontented officers who looked for an opportunity to be revenged of the army; which they despised for their ill breeding, and much preaching. Thus Dalbeer was glad to depend upon the earl of Holland, who thought himself likewise happy in such an officer. The keeping good guards, and sending out parties towards the Kentish parts, where it was known some troops remained since the last commotion there, was committed to his care. But he discharged it so ill, or his orders were so ill observed, that the second or third morning after their coming to Kingston, some troops of horse under the command of colonel Rich (eminent for praying but of no fame for fighting) fell into the town, before

those within had notice to be ready to receive them; the earl and most of the rest making too much haste out of town, and never offering to charge those troops. And in this confusion the lord Francis Villiers, a youth of rare beauty and comeliness of person, not being upon his horse so soon as the rest, or endeavouring to make some resistance, was unfortunately killed, with one or two more but of little note. Most of the foot made a shift to conceal themselves, and some officers, until they found means to retire to their close mansions in London. The earl with near an hundred horse (the rest wisely taking the way to London, where they were never inquired after) wandered without purpose or design, and was, two or three days after, beset in an inn at St. Neots in Huntingtonshire, by those few horse who pursued him; where the earl delivered himself prisoner to the officer without resistance: yet at the same time Dalbeer and Kenelm Digby, the eldest son of sir Kenelm, were killed upon the place; whether out of former grudges, or that they offered to defend themselves, was not known; and the duke of Buckingham had severed himself from them, and happily found a way into London; where he lay concealed, till he had an opportunity to secure himself by being transported into Holland; where the prince was; who received him with great grace and kindness. The earl of Holland remained prisoner in the place where he was taken, till by order from the parliament he was sent to Windsor castle, where, notwithstanding he was constable of it, he was kept prisoner with great strictness.

The total defeat of the Scottish army lately

mentioned succeeded this, and when those noble persons within Colchester were advertised of both, they knew well that there was no possibility of relief, nor could they expect it longer, being pressed with want of all kind of victual, and having eaten near all their horses. They sent therefore to Fairfax, to treat about the delivery of the town upon reasonable conditions; but he refused to treat, or give any conditions, if they would not render to mercy all the officers and gentlemen; the common soldiers he was contented to dismiss. A day or two was spent in deliberation. They within proposed "to make a brisk sally; and thereby to "shift for themselves, as many as could." But they had too few horse, and the few that were left uneaten were too weak for that enterprise. Then, "that they should open a port, and every man die "with their arms in their hands;" but that way they could only be sure of being killed, without much hurting their adversaries, who had ways enough securely to assault them. Hereupon, they were in the end obliged to deliver themselves up prisoners at mercy; and were, all the officers and gentlemen, led into the public hall of the town; where they were locked up, and a strong guard set upon them. They were required presently to send a list of all their names to the general; which they did; and, within a short time after, a guard was sent to bring sir Charles Lucas, and sir George Lisle, and sir Bernard Gascoigne to the general, being sat with his council of war. They were carried in, and in a very short discourse told, "that "after so long and so obstinate a defence until "they found it necessary to deliver themselves up

" to mercy, it was necessary, for the example of " others, and that the peace of the kingdom might " be no more disturbed in that manner, that some " military justice should be executed; and there- " fore, that council had determined they three " should be presently shot to death;" for which they were advised to prepare themselves; and without considering, or hearing what they had a mind to say for themselves, they were led into a yard that was contiguous; where they found three files of musketeers ready for their despatch.

Sir Bernard Gascoigne was a gentleman of Florence; and had served the king in the war, and afterwards remained in London till the unhappy adventure of Colchester, and then accompanied his friends thither; and had only English enough to make himself understood, that he desired a pen and ink and paper, that he might write a letter to his prince the great duke, that his highness might know in what manner he lost his life, to the end his heirs might possess his estate. The officer that attended the execution thought fit to acquaint the general and council, without which he durst not allow him pen and ink, which he thought he might reasonably demand: when they were informed of it, they thought it a matter worthy some consideration; they had chosen him out of the list for his quality, conceiving him to be an English gentleman, and preferred him for being a knight, that they might sacrifice three of that rank.

This delay brought the news of this bloody resolution to the prisoners in the town; who were infinitely afflicted with it; and the lord Capel prevailed with an officer, or soldier, of their guard, to carry a

letter, signed by the chief persons and officers, and in the name of the rest, to the general; in which they took notice of that judgment, and desired him "either to forbear the execution of it, or that they "might all, who were equally guilty with those "three, undergo the same sentence with them." The letter was delivered, but had no other effect than the sending to the officer to despatch his order, reserving the Italian to the last. Sir Charles Lucas was their first work; who fell dead; upon which sir George Lisle ran to him, embraced him, and kissed him; and then stood up, and looked those who were to execute him in the face; and thinking they stood at too great a distance, spake to them to come nearer; to which one of them said, "I'll warrant you, sir, we'll hit you:" he answered smiling, "Friends, I have been nearer "you, when you have missed me." Thereupon, they all fired upon him, and did their work home, so that he fell down dead of many wounds without speaking word. Sir Bernard Gascoigne had his doublet off, and expected the next turn; but the officer told him "he had order to carry him back "to his friends;" which at that time was very indifferent to him. The council of war had considered, that if they should in this manner have taken the life of a foreigner, who seemed to be a person of quality, their friends or children who should visit Italy might pay dear for many generations; and therefore they commanded the officer, "when the other two should be dead, to carry "him back again to the other prisoners."

The two who were thus murdered were men of great name and esteem in the war; the one being

held as good a commander of horse, and the other of foot, as the nation had; but of very different tempers and humours. Lucas was the younger brother of the lord Lucas, and his heir both to the honour and estate, and had a present fortune of his own. He had been bred in the Low Countries, and always amongst the horse. He had little conversation in that court, where great civility was practised, and learned. He was very brave in his person, and in a day of battle a gallant man to look upon, and follow; but at all other times and places, of a nature not to be lived with, of an ill understanding, of a rough and proud nature, which made him during the time of their being in Colchester more intolerable than the siege, or any fortune that threatened them; yet they all desired to accompany him in his death. Lisle was a gentleman who had had the same education with the other, and at the same time an officer of foot; had all the courage of the other, and led his men to a battle with such an alacrity, that no man was ever better followed; his soldiers never forsaking him; and the party which he commanded, never left any thing undone which he led them upon. But then, to his fierceness of courage he had the softest and most gentle nature imaginable; loved all, and beloved of all, and without a capacity to have an enemy.

The manner of taking the lives of these worthy men was new, and without example, and concluded by most men to be very barbarous; and was generally imputed to Ireton, who swayed the general, and was upon all occasions of an unmerciful and bloody nature. As soon as this bloody sacrifice

was ended, Fairfax, with the chief officers, went to the town-house to visit the prisoners; and the general (who was an ill orator on the most plausible occasion) applied with his civility to the earl of Norwich, and the lord Capel; and, seeming in some degree to excuse the having done that, which he said "the military justice required," he told them, "that all the lives of the rest were safe; "and that they should be well treated, and dis- "posed of as the parliament should direct." The lord Capel had not so soon digested this so late barbarous proceeding, as to receive the visit of those who caused it, with such a return as his condition might have prompted to him; but said, "that they should do well to finish their work, "and execute the same rigour to the rest;" upon which there were two or three such sharp and bitter replies between him and Ireton, that cost him his life in few months after. When the general had given notice to the parliament of his proceedings, he received order to send the earl of Norwich and the lord Capel to Windsor castle; where they had afterwards the society of earl of Holland, to lament each other's misfortunes; and after some time they were all sent to the Tower.

Though the city had undergone so many severe mortifications, that it might very well have been discouraged from entering into any more dangerous engagements, at least all other people might have been terrified from depending again upon such engagements, yet the present fright was no sooner over than they recovered new spirits for new undertakings; and seemed always to have observed somewhat in the last miscarriage which

might be hereafter prevented, and no more obstruct their future proceedings; and many in the parliament, as well as in the city, who were controlled and dispirited by the presence of the army, when that was at a distance appeared resolute, and brisk in any contradiction and opposition of their counsels. So that Cromwell had no sooner begun his march towards the north, and Fairfax his into Kent, but the common council delivered a petition to the parliament, "that they would entertain a "personal treaty with the king, that the kingdom "might be restored again to a happy peace; which "could be hoped for no other way." This was the first presumption that had been offered, since their vote of no more addresses to be made to the king; which had been near half a year before; and this seemed to be made with so universal a concurrence of the city, that the parliament durst not give a positive refusal to it. And in truth the major part thereof did really desire the same thing; which made sir Harry Vane, and that party in the parliament to which the army adhered, or rather which adhered to the army, to contrive some specious way to defer and delay it by seeming to consent to it, rather than to oppose the motion. And therefore they appointed a committee of the house of commons, to meet with such a committee of the common council, as they should make choice of, to confer together of the ways and means to provide for the king's safety and security during the time of the treaty: which committee being met together, that of the house of commons perplexed the other with many questions, "what they meant by "those expressions, they used in their petition,"

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(and had been the common expressions, long used both by the king and the parliament, in all applications which had concerned a treaty,) "that his "majesty might treat with honour, freedom, and "safety? what they intended by those words? and "whether the city would be at the charge in main- "taining those guards, which were to be kept for "the security of the king during such treaty; and "if the king should in that treaty refuse to give "the parliament satisfaction, how his person should "be disposed of?" and many such questions, to which they well knew that the committee itself could make no answer, but that there must be another common council called, to which they must repair for directions. And by this means, and administering new questions at every meeting, much time was spent, and the delays they wished could not be avoided. So that notwithstanding all their clamours that the treaty might be presently entered upon, much time was spent, and the insurrection in Kent, and the designs of the earl of Holland (to both which they had promised another kind of assistance) were both disappointed, and expired. However, the prince was still in the Downs with his fleet, and the gentlemen in Colchester defended themselves resolutely, and the Scottish army was entered the kingdom, all which kept up their courage; insomuch as, after all the delays, the parliament consented, and declared, "that they would enter into a personal treaty with "the king for the settling the peace of the king- "dom; but that the treaty should be in the Isle of "Wight, where his majesty should enjoy honour, "freedom, and safety."

The city had offered before to the committee upon some of the questions which had been administered to them, "that if the treaty might be "in London, they would be at the charge of "maintaining those guards which should be neces- "sary for the safety and security of the king;" and therefore they were very much troubled, that the treaty should be now in the Isle of Wight, upon which they could have no influence; yet they thought not fit to make any new instances for change of the place, lest the parliament might recede from their vote, that there should be a treaty entered upon. So they only renewed their importunity, that all expedition might be used; and, in spite of all delays, in the beginning of August a committee was sent from both houses to the king to Carisbrook castle, where he had been close shut up about half a year, without being suffered to speak with any but such who were appointed by them to attend, and watch him.

The message the committee delivered was, "that "the houses did desire a treaty with his majesty, "in what place of the Isle of Wight he would "appoint, upon the propositions tendered to him "at Hampton Court, and such other propositions, "as they should cause to be presented to him; and "that his majesty should enjoy honour, freedom, "and safety to his person." The messengers, who were one of the house of peers and two commoners, were to return within ten days, nobody being strict in the limitation of time, because the treaty was so much the longer kept off, which they hoped still would by some accident be prevented.

The king received them very graciously, and

told them, "they could not believe that any man "could desire a peace more heartily than himself, "because no man suffered so much by the want of "it: that, though he was without any man to "consult with, and without a secretary to write "what he should dictate, yet they should not be "put to stay long for an answer;" which he gave them within two or three days, all written in his own hand; in which, after he had lamented his present condition, and the extreme restraint he was under, he said, "he did very cheerfully embrace "their motion, and accepted a treaty they promised "should be with honour, freedom, and safety; "which he hoped they did really intend should be "performed; for that, in the condition he was in, "he was so totally ignorant and uninformed of the "present state of all his dominions, that a blind "man was as fit to judge of colours, as he was to "treat concerning the peace of the kingdom, "except they would first revoke their votes, and "orders, by which all men were prohibited and "forbid to come, write, or speak to him. For the "place, he could have wished, for the expedition "that would have resulted from thence, that it "might have been in or near London, to the end "that the parliament's resolution and determina-"tion might have been sooner known upon any "emergent occasion that might have grown in the "treaty, than it could be at such a distance: how-"ever, since they had resolved that it should be in "the Isle of Wight, he would not except against "it, but named the town of Newport for the place "of the treaty." He said, "though he desired all "expedition might be used towards the beginning

" and ending the treaty, yet he should not think " himself in any freedom to treat, except, before " the treaty begun, all such persons might have " liberty to repair to him, whose advice and assist- " ance he should stand in need of in the treaty." He sent a list of the names of those his servants which he desired might be admitted to come to him, and attend upon him; whereof the duke of Richmond, the marquis of Hertford, the earls of Southampton and Lindsey, were the chief; all four gentlemen of his bedchamber, and of his privy council. He named likewise all the other servants, whose attendance he desired in their several offices. He sent a list of the names of several bishops, and of such of his chaplains, as he desired to confer with, and of many common lawyers, and some civilians, whose advice he might have occasion to use, and desired, " that he might be in the same " state of freedom, as he enjoyed whilst he had " been at Hampton Court."

By the time that the commissioners returned from the Isle of Wight, and delivered this answer to the parliament, news was brought of the defeat of the Scottish army, and Cromwell had written to his friends, " what a perpetual ignominy it would " be to the parliament, that nobody abroad or at " home would ever give credit to them, if they " should recede from their former vote and de- " claration of no farther addresses to the king, and " conjured them to continue firm in that resolu- " tion." But they had gone too far now to recede, and since the first motion and petition from the common council for a treaty, very many members, who had opposed the vote and declaration of no

more addresses, and from the time that had passed, had forborne ever to be present in the parliament, upon the first mention of a treaty, flocked again to the house, and advanced that overture; so that they were much superior in number to those who endeavoured first to obstruct and delay, and now hoped absolutely to frustrate all that had been [proposed] towards a treaty. And the great victory which had been obtained against the Scots, and which they concluded must speedily reduce Colchester, and put a quick period to all other attempts against the parliament, made them more earnest and solicitous for a treaty; which was all the hope left to prevent that confusion they discerned was the purpose of the army to bring upon the kingdom: and so with the more vigour they pressed "that satisfaction might be given to the "king, in all that he had proposed in his answer;" and, notwithstanding all opposition, it was declared, "that the vote for no more addresses should stand "repealed: that the treaty should be at Newport, "and that his majesty should be there in the same "freedom in which he was at Hampton Court; "that the instructions to colonel Hammond, by "which the king had been in that manner re-"strained, and all persons restrained from going "to him, should be recalled; that all those per-"sons who were named by the king, should have "free liberty to repair to him, and to remain with "him without being questioned, or troubled." And having proceeded thus far, they nominated a committee of five lords and ten commoners to be the commissioners who should treat with the king, and who were enjoined to prepare all things to be

in readiness for the treaty with all possible expedition; but the lord Say and sir Harry Vane, being two of those commissioners, used all their arts to obstruct and delay it, in hope that Cromwell would despatch his affairs in Scotland time enough to return, and to use more effectual and powerful arguments against it, than they were furnished withal.

All these occurrences were very well known to Cromwell, and were the motives which persuaded him to believe that his presence at the parliament was so necessary to suppress the presbyterians, who ceased not to vex him at any distance, that he would not be prevailed with to stay and finish that only work of difficulty that remained to be done, which was the reducing Pontefract castle; but left Lambert to make an end of it, and to revenge the death of Rainsborough, who had lost his life by that garrison, with some circumstances which deserve to be remembered; as in truth all that adventure in the taking and defending that place, should be preserved by a very particular relation, for the honour of all the persons who were engaged in it.

When the war had been brought to an end by the reduction of all places, and persons, which had held for the king, and all men's hopes had been rendered desperate, by the imprisonment of his majesty in the Isle of Wight, those officers and gentlemen who had served, whilst there was any service, betook themselves generally to the habitations they had in the several counties; where they lived quietly and privately, under the insolence of those neighbours who had formerly, by the infe-

riority of their conditions, submitted to them. When the parliament had finished the war, they reduced and slighted most of the inland garrisons, the maintenance whereof was very chargeable; yet by the interest of some person who commanded it, or out of the consideration of the strength and importance of the place, they kept still a garrison in Pontefract castle, a noble royalty and palace belonging to the crown, and then part of the queen's jointure. The situation in itself was very strong; no part whereof was commanded by any other ground: the house very large, with all offices suitable to a princely seat, and though built very near the top of a hill, so that it had the prospect of a great part of the West Riding of Yorkshire, and of Lincolnshire, and Nottinghamshire, yet it was plentifully supplied with water. Colonel Cotterell, the governor of this garrison, exercised a very severe jurisdiction over his neighbours of those parts; which were inhabited by many gentlemen, and soldiers, who had served the king throughout the war, and who were known to retain their old affections, though they lived with all submission to the present government. Upon the least jealousy or humour, these men were frequently sent for, reproached, and sometimes imprisoned by the governor in this garrison; which did not render them the more devoted to him. When there appeared some hopes that the Scots would raise an army for the relief and release of the king, sir Marmaduke Langdale, in his way for Scotland, had visited and conferred with some of his old friends and countrymen, who now lived quietly within some distance of Pontefract, who informed

him of that garrison, the place whereof was well known to him. And he acquainting them with the assurance he had of the resolution of the principal persons of the kingdom of Scotland, and that they had invited him to join with them, in order to which he was then going thither, they agreed, "that, when it should appear that an army was "raised in Scotland upon that account, which "must draw down the parliament's army into the "other northern counties, and that there should "be risings in other parts of the kingdom," (which the general indisposition and discontent, besides some particular designs, made like to fall out,) "that then those gentlemen should endeavour "the surprise of that castle, and after they had "made themselves strong in it, and provided it "with provisions to endure some restraint, they "should draw as good a body to them as those "countries would yield:" and having thus adjusted that design, they settled such a way of correspondence with sir Marmaduke, that they frequently gave him an account, and received his directions for their proceeding. In this disposition they continued quiet, as they had always been; and the governor of the castle lived towards them with less jealousy, and more humanity, than he had been accustomed to.

There was one colonel Morrice, who, being a very young man, had, in the beginning of the war, been an officer in some regiments of the king's; and, out of the folly and impatience of his youth, had quitted that service, and engaged himself in the parliament army with some circumstances not very commendable; and by the clearness of his

courage, and pleasantness of his humour, made himself not only very acceptable, but was preferred to the command of a colonel, and performed many notable services for them, being a stout and bold undertaker in attempts of the greatest danger; wherein he had usually success. After the new modelling of the army, and the introducing of a stricter discipline, his life of great license kept not his reputation with the new officers; and being a free speaker and censurer of their affected behaviour, they left him out in their compounding their new army, but with many professions of kindness, and respect to his eminent courage, which they would find some occasion to employ, and reward. He was a gentleman of a competent estate in those parts in Yorkshire; and as he had grown elder, he had heartily detested himself for having quitted the king's service, and had resolved to take some seasonable opportunity to wipe off that blemish by a service that would redeem him; and so was not troubled to be set aside by the new general, but betook himself to his estate; enjoyed his old humour, which was cheerful and pleasant; and made himself most acceptable to those who were most trusted by the parliament; who thought that they had dismissed one of the best officers they had, and were sorry for it.

He now, as a country gentleman, frequented the fairs and markets, and conversed with equal freedom with all his neighbours, of what party soever they had been, and renewed the friendship he had formerly held with some of those gentlemen who had served the king. But no friendship was so dear to him, as that of the governor of Pontefract

castle, who loved him above all men, and delighted so much in his company, that he got him to be with him sometimes a week and more at a time in the castle, when they always lay together in one bed. He declared to one of those gentlemen, who were united together to make that attempt, "that he "would surprise that castle, whenever they should "think the season ripe for it;" and that gentleman, who knew him very well, believed him so entirely, that he told his companions, "that they should not "trouble themselves with contriving the means to "surprise the place; which, by trusting too many, "would be liable to discovery; but that he would "take that charge upon himself, by a way they "need not inquire into; which he assured them "should not fail:" and they all very willingly acquiesced in his undertaking; to which they knew well he was not inclined without good grounds. Morrice was more frequently with the governor, who never thought himself well without him; and always told him "he must have a great care of his "garrison, that he had none but faithful men in "the castle; for that he was confident there were "some men who lived not far off, and who many "times came to visit him, had some design upon "the place;" and would then in confidence name many persons to him, some whereof were those very men with whom he communicated, and others were men of another temper, and were most devoted to the parliament, all his particular friends and companions; "but that he should not be "troubled; for he had a false brother amongst "them, from whom he was sure to have season-"able advertisement;" and promised him, "that

" he would, within few hours' notice, bring him at " any time forty or fifty good men into the castle " to reinforce his garrison, when there should be " occasion;" and he would shew him the list of such men, as would be always ready, and would sometimes bring some of those men with him, and tell the governor before them, " that those were in " the list he had given him of the honest fellows, " who would stick to him when there should be " need;" and others would accidentally tell the governor, " that they had listed themselves with " colonel Morrice to come to the castle, whenever " he should call or send to them." And all these men thus listed, were fellows very notorious for the bitterness and malice which they had always against the king, not one of which he ever intended to make use of.

He made himself very familiar with all the soldiers in the castle, and used to play and drink with them; and, when he lay there, would often rise in the night, and visit the guards; and by that means would sometimes make the governor dismiss and discharge a soldier whom he did not like, under pretence, " that he found him always asleep," or some other fault which was not to be examined; and then he would commend some other to him as very fit to be trusted and relied upon; and by this means he had very much power in the garrison. The governor received several letters from his friends in the parliament, and in the country, " that " he should take care of colonel Morrice, who " resolved to betray him;" and informed him, " that he had been in such and such company of " men, who were generally esteemed most malig-

"nant, and had great intrigues with them;" all which was well known to the governor; for the other was never in any of that company, though with all the show of secrecy, in the night, or in places remote from any house, but he always told the governor of it, and of many particular passages in those meetings; so that when these letters came to him, he shewed them still to the other; and then both of them laughed at the intelligence; after which Morrice frequently called for his horse, and went home to his house, telling his friend, "that "though he had, he knew, no mistrust of his friend-"ship, and knew him too well to think him capable "of such baseness, yet he ought not for his own "sake be thought to slight the information; which "would make his friends the less careful of him: "that they had reason to give him warning of "those meetings, which, if he had not known him-"self, had been very worthy of his suspicion; there-"fore he would forbear coming to the castle again, "till this jealousy of his friends should be over; "who would know of this, and be satisfied with it;" and no power of the governor could prevail with him, at such times, to stay; but he would be gone, and stay away till he was, after some time, sent for again with great importunity, the governor desiring his counsel and assistance as much as his company.

It fell out, as it usually doth in affairs of that nature, when many men are engaged, that there is an impatience to execute what is projected before the time be throughly ripe. The business of the fleet, and in Kent, and other places, and the daily alarms from Scotland, as if that army had been

entering the kingdom, made the gentlemen who were engaged for this enterprise imagine that they deferred it too long, and that though they had received no orders from sir Marmaduke Langdale, which they were to expect, yet they had been sent, and miscarried. Hereupon they called upon the gentleman who had undertaken, and he upon Morrice, for the execution of the design. The time agreed upon was such a night, when the surprisers were to be ready upon such a part of the wall, and to have ladders to mount in two places, where two soldiers were to be appointed for sentinels who were privy to the attempt. Morrice was in the castle, and in bed with the governor, and, according to his custom, rose about the hour he thought all would be ready. They without made the sign agreed upon, and were answered by one of the sentinels from the wall; upon which they run to both places where they were to mount their ladders. By some accident, the other sentinel who was designed was not upon the other part of the wall; so that when the ladder was mounted there, the sentinel called out; and finding that there were men under the wall, run towards the court of guard to call for help; and in his way met Morrice, who, finding him to be a wrong soldier, seemed not to believe him, but took him back with him to shew him the place, and carried him to the top of the wall, nearer, that they might listen; and from thence, being a very strong man, he made a shift to throw the soldier over the wall: and by this time they from without were got upon the wall from both places, and had made their signs to their friends at a distance. With these Morrice

went to the court of guard, which was in part prepared, so that with knocking two or three of the other in the head, they became masters there, and opened the port for their friends' horse and foot to enter. Morrice, with two or three gentlemen, went to the governor's chamber, whom they found in his bed, and told him, "the castle was surprised, "and himself a prisoner." He betook himself to his arms for his defence, but quickly found that his friend had betrayed it, and the other gentlemen appearing, of whom he had been before warned, his defence was to no purpose, yet he received some wounds. Morrice comforted him with assurance "of good usage, and that he would procure "his pardon from the king for his rebellion."

They put the garrison in good order, and so many came to them from Yorkshire, Nottingham, and Lincoln, that they could not in a short time be restrained, and had leisure to fetch in all sorts of provisions for their support, and to make and renew such fortifications as might be necessary for their defence. From Nottingham there came sir John Digby, sir Hugh Cartwright, and a son and nephew of his, who had been good officers in the army, with many soldiers who had been under their command; many other gentlemen of the three counties were present, and deserve to have their names recorded, since it was an action throughout of great courage and conduct.

Cromwell's marching towards the Scots with the neglect of these men after their first appearance, and only appointing some county troops to enclose them from increasing their strength, gave them great opportunity to grow; so that driving those troops to a greater distance, they drew contribu-

tion from all the parts about them, and made incursions much farther, and rendered themselves so terrible, that, as was said before, after the Scots' defeat, those of Yorkshire sent very earnestly to Cromwell, "that he would make it the business of "his army to reduce Pontefract." But he, resolving upon his Scottish expedition, thought it enough to send Rainsborough to perform that service, with a regiment of horse, and one or two of foot, belonging to the army; which, with a conjunction of the country forces under the same command, he doubted not would be sufficient to perform a greater work. As soon as the castle had been reduced, they who were possessed of it were very willing to be under the command of Morrice; who declared he would not accept the charge, nor be governor of the place, knowing well what jealousies he might be liable to, at least upon any change of fortune, but under the direction of sir John Digby; who was colonel general of those parts, and was a man rather cordial in the service, than equal to the command; which made him refer all things still to the counsel and conduct of those officers who were under him; by whose activity, as much was done as could be expected from such a knot of resolute persons.

The total defeat of the Scottish army being now generally known, and that their friends in all other places were defeated, they in the castle well knew what they were presently to expect, and that they should be shortly shut up from making farther excursions. They heard that Rainsborough was upon his march towards them, and had already sent some troops to be quartered near them, himself yet keeping his headquarters at Doncaster, ten miles from

the castle. They resolved, whilst they yet enjoyed this liberty, to make a noble attempt. They had been informed, that sir Marmaduke Langdale, (whom they still called their general,) after the overthrow of the Scottish army, had been taken prisoner, and remained in Nottingham castle, under a most strict custody, as a man the parliament declared, "they would make an example of their "justice." Morrice, with a party of twelve horse, and no more, but picked and choice men, went out of the castle, in the beginning of the night, with a resolution to take Rainsborough prisoner, and thereby to ransom their general. They were all good guides, and understood the ways, private and public, very exactly; and went so far, that about the break of day or a little after, in the end of August, they put themselves into the common road that led from York; by which ways the guards expected no enemy; and so slightly asked them "whence they came?" who negligently answered; and asked again, "where their general was?" saying, "they had a letter for him from Crom-"well." They sent one to shew them where the general was; which they knew well enough; and that he lay at the best inn of the town. And when the gate of the inn was opened to them, three of them only entered into the inn, the other rode to the other end of the town to the bridge, over which they were to pass towards Pontefract; where they expected and did find a guard of horse and foot, with whom they entertained themselves in discourse, saying, "that they stayed for their "officer, who went only in to speak with the "general;" and called for some drink. The guards making no question of their being friends, sent for

drink, and talked negligently with them of news; and, it being broad day, some of the horse alighted, and the foot went to the court of guard, conceiving that morning's work to be over. They who went into the inn, where nobody was awake but the fellow who opened the gate, asked in which chamber the general (for so all the soldiers called Rainsborough) lay; and the fellow shewing them from below the chamber door, two of them went up, and the other stayed below, and held the horses, and talked with the soldier who had walked with them from the guard. The two who went up, opened the chamber door, found Rainsborough in his bed, but awaked with the little noise they had made. They told him in short, "that he was their pri-"soner, and that it was in his power to choose "whether he would be presently killed," (for which work he saw they were very well prepared,) "or "quietly, without making resistance, or delay, to "put on his clothes and be mounted upon a horse, "that was ready below for him, and accompany "them to Pontefract." The present danger awakened him out of the amazement he was in, so that he told them he would wait upon them, and made the haste that was necessary to put on his clothes. One of them took his sword, and so they led him down stairs. He that held the horses, had sent the soldier away to those who were gone before, to speak to them to get some drink, and any thing else that could be made ready in the house, against they came. When Rainsborough came into the street, which he expected to find full of horse, and saw only one man, who held the others' horses, and presently mounted that he might be bound behind him, he begun to struggle, and to cry out.

Whereupon, when they saw no hope of carrying him away, they immediately run him through with their swords, and, leaving him dead upon the ground, they got upon their horses, and rode towards their fellows, before any in the inn could be ready to follow them. When those at the bridge saw their companions coming, which was their sign, being well prepared, and knowing what they were to do, they turned upon the guard, and killed so many of them, that all the rest fled in distraction; so that the way was clear and free; and though they missed carrying home the prize for which they had made so lusty an adventure, they joined together, and marched, with the expedition that was necessary, a shorter way than they had come, to their garrison; leaving the town and soldiers behind in such a consternation, that, not being able to receive any information from their general, whom they found dead upon the ground without any body in view, they thought the Devil had been there; and could not recollect themselves, which way they were to pursue an enemy they had not seen. The gallant party came safe home without the least damage to horse or man, hoping to make some other attempt more successfully, by which they might redeem sir Marmaduke Langdale. There was not an officer in the army whom Cromwell would not as willingly have lost as this man; who was bold and barbarous to his wish, and fit to be intrusted in the most desperate interest, and was the man whom that party always intended to commit the maritime affairs to, when it should be time to dismiss the earl of Warwick; he having been bred in that element, and knowing the duty of it very well, though he had that

misfortune spoken of in the beginning of the summer.

When Lambert came to this charge, (instructed by Cromwell to take full vengeance for the loss of Rainsborough, to whose ghost he designed an ample sacrifice,) and kept what body of men he thought fit for that purpose, he reduced them in a short time within their own circuit, making good works round about the castle, that they might at last yield to hunger, if nothing else would reclaim them. Nor did they quietly suffer themselves to be cooped up without bold and frequent sallies, in which many of the besiegers, as well as the others, lost their lives. They discovered many of the country who held correspondence with, and gave intelligence to the castle, whom they apprehended, and caused to be hanged in sight of the castle, whereof there were two divines, and some women of note, friends and allies to the besieged. After frequent mortifications of this kind, and no human hope of relief, they were content to offer to treat for the delivery of the castle, if they might have honourable conditions; if not, they sent word, "that they had provisions yet for a good time; "that they durst die, and would sell their lives at "as dear a price as they could." Lambert answered, that he knew "they were gallant men, and "that he desired to preserve as many of them, as "was in his power to do; but he must require six "of them to be given up to him, whose lives he "could not save; which he was sorry for, since "they were brave men; but his hands were "bound." The six excepted by him were colonel Morrice, sir John Digby, and four more whose names he found to have been amongst those who

were in the party that had destroyed Rainsborough; which was an enterprise no brave enemy would have revenged in that manner; nor did Lambert desire it, but Cromwell had enjoined it him: all the rest he "was content to release, that they "might return to their houses, and apply themselves to the parliament for their compositions, "towards which he would do them all the good "offices he could." They from within acknowledged "his civility in that particular, and would "be glad to embrace it, but they would never be "guilty of so base a thing, as to deliver up any of "their companions;" and therefore they desired "they might have six days allowed them, that "those six might do the best they could to deliver "themselves; in which it should be lawful for the "rest to assist them;" to which Lambert generously consented, "so that the rest would surrender at "the end of that time;" which was agreed to. Upon the first day the garrison appeared twice or thrice, as if they were resolved to make a sally, but retired every time without charging; but the second day they made a very strong and brisk sally upon another place than where they had appeared the day before, and beat the enemy from their post, with the loss of men on both sides; and though the party of the castle was beaten back, two of the six (whereof Morrice was one) made their escape, the other four being forced to retire with the rest. And all was quiet for two whole days; but in the beginning of the night of the fourth day, they made another attempt so prosperously, that two of the other four likewise escaped: and the next day they made great shows of joy, and sent Lambert word,

" that their six friends were gone," (though there were two still remaining,) " and therefore they " would be ready the next day to surrender."

The other two thought it to no purpose to make another attempt, but devised another way to secure themselves, with a less dangerous assistance from their friends, who had lost some of their own lives in the two former sallies to save theirs. The buildings of the castle were very large and spacious, and there were great store of waste stones from some walls, which were fallen down. They found a convenient place, which was like to be least visited, where they walled up their two friends in such a manner that they had air to sustain them, and victual enough to feed them a month, in which time they hoped they might be able to escape. And this being done, at the hour appointed they opened their ports, and after Lambert had caused a strict inquisition to be made for those six, none of which he did believe had in truth escaped, and was satisfied that none of them were amongst those who were come out, he received the rest very civilly, and observed his promise made to them very punctually, and did not seem sorry that the six gallant men (as he called them) were escaped.

And now they heard, which very much relieved their broken spirits, that sir Marmaduke Langdale had made an escape out of the castle of Nottingham; who shortly after transported himself beyond the seas. Lambert presently took care so to dismantle the castle, that there should be no more use of it for a garrison, leaving the vast ruins still standing; and then drew off all his troops to new quarters; so that, within ten days after the sur-

render, the two, who were left walled up, threw down their enclosure, and securely provided for themselves. Sir John Digby was one of those who lived many years after the king's return, and was often with his majesty. Poor Morrice was afterwards taken in Lancashire, and by a wonderful act of Providence was put to death in the same place where he had committed a fault against the king, and where he first performed a great service to the parliament.

In this desperate condition, that is before described, stood the king's affairs when the prince was at the Hague, his fleet already mutinying for pay, his own family factious and in necessity, and that of his brother the duke of York full of intrigues and designs, between the restless unquiet spirit of Bamfield, and the ambitious and as unquiet humour of sir John Berkley. The council, which was not numerous, (for the prince had not authority to add any to those who were his father's counsellors,) wanted not unity in itself, so much as submission and respect from others, which had been lost to those who were in the fleet, and the prejudice to those still remained, and so abated much of the reverence which most men were willing to pay to the two who came last. And the great animosity which prince Rupert had against the lord Colepepper infinitely disturbed the counsels, and perplexed the lord Cottington, and the chancellor of the exchequer, who had credit enough with the other two. But Colepepper had some passions and infirmities, which no friends could restrain; and though prince Rupert was very well inclined to the chancellor, and would in many things

be advised by him, yet his prejudice to Colepepper was so rooted in him, and that prejudice so industriously cultivated by Herbert the attorney general, who had the absolute ascendant over that prince, and who did perfectly hate all the world that would not be governed by him, that every meeting in council was full of bitterness and sharpness between them.

One day the council met (as it used to do when they did not attend the prince of Wales at his lodgings) at the lord treasurer's lodging, (he and the chancellor of the exchequer being in one house,) about giving direction for the sale of some goods which had been taken at sea, for the raising of money toward the payment of the fleet. In such services merchants, and other proper persons, were always necessary to be trusted. Prince Rupert proposed, "that one sir Robert Walsh" (a person too well known to be trusted) "might be employed "in that affair:" it was to sell a ship of sugar. No man who was present would ever have consented that he should have been employed; but the lord Colepepper spoke against him with some warmth, so that it might be thought to reflect a little upon prince Rupert, who had proposed him. Upon which, he asking "what exceptions there "were to sir Robert Walsh, why he might not be "fit for it," Colepepper answered with some quickness, "that he was a known cheat;" which, though notoriously true, the prince seemed to take very ill; and said, "he was his friend, and a gentle-"man; and if he should come to hear of what had "been said, he knew not how the lord Colepepper "could avoid fighting with him." Colepepper,

whose courage no man doubted, presently replied, "that he would not fight with Walsh, but he "would fight with his highness;" to which the prince answered very quietly, "that it was well;" and the council rose in great perplexity.

Prince Rupert went out of the house, and the chancellor led the lord Colepepper into the garden, hoping that he should so far have prevailed with him, as to have made him sensible of the excess he had committed, and to have persuaded him presently to repair to the prince, and to ask his pardon, that no more notice might be taken of it. But he was yet too warm to conceive he had committed any fault, but seemed to think only of making good what he had so imprudently said. Prince Rupert quickly informed his confident the attorney general of all that had passed; who was the unfittest man living to be trusted with such a secret, having always about him store of oil to throw upon such fire. He soon found means to make it known to the prince, who presently sent for the chancellor of the exchequer to be informed of the whole matter; and when he understood it, was exceedingly troubled, and required him "to "let Colepepper know, that he ought to make a "submission to prince Rupert; without which "worse would fall out."

He went first to prince Rupert, that he might pacify him till he could convince the other of his fault; and he so far prevailed with his highness, who would have been more choleric if he had had less right of his side, that he was willing to receive a submission; and promised, "that the other should "receive no affront in the mean time." But he

found more difficulty on the other side, the lord Colepepper, continuing still in rage, thought the provocation was so great, that he ought to be excused for the reply, and that the prince ought to acknowledge the one as well as he the other. But after some days' recollection, finding nobody with whom he conversed of his mind, and understanding how much the prince was displeased, and that he expected he should ask prince Rupert pardon, and withal reflecting upon the place he was in, where he could expect no security from his quality and function, he resolved to do what he ought to have done at first; and so he went with the chancellor to prince Rupert's lodging; where he behaved himself very well; and the prince received him with all the grace could be expected; so that so ill a business seemed to be as well concluded as the nature of it would admit. But the worst was to come: the attorney general had done all he could to dissuade that prince from accepting so small and so private a satisfaction; but, not prevailing, he inflamed sir Robert Walsh, who had been informed of all that had passed at the council concerning himself, to take his own revenge; in which many men thought, that he was assured prince Rupert would not be offended. And the next morning after his highness had received satisfaction, as the lord Colepepper was walking to the council without a sword, Walsh, coming to him, seemed quietly to expostulate with him, for having mentioned him so unkindly. To the which the other answered, "that he would give him satisfaction in any way "he would require; though he ought not to be "called in question for any thing he had said in

"that place." On a sudden, whilst they were in this calm discourse, Walsh struck him with all his force one blow in the face with his fist; and then stepped back, and drew his sword; but seeing the other had none, walked away; and the lord Colepepper, with his nose and face all bloody, went back to his chamber, from whence he could not go abroad in many days by the effect and disfiguring of the blow. This outrage was committed about ten of the clock in the morning, in the sight of the town; which troubled the prince exceedingly; who immediately sent to the States to demand justice; and they, according to their method and slow proceedings in matters which they do not take to heart, caused Walsh to be summoned, and after so many days, for want of appearance, he was by the sound of a bell publicly banished from the Hague; and so he made his residence in Amsterdam, or what other place he pleased. And this was the reparation the States gave the prince for so ruffianly a transgression; and both the beginning and the end of this unhappy business exposed the prince himself, as well as his council, to more disadvantage, and less reverence, than ought to have been paid to either.

The improvidence that had been used in the fleet, besides its unactivity, by the dismissing so many great prizes, was now too apparent, when there was neither money to pay the seamen, who were not modest in requiring it, nor to new victual the ships, which was as important; since it was easy to be foreseen, that they could not remain long in the station where they were for the present, and the extreme license which all men took to censure and reproach that improvidence, disturbed all counsels,

and made conversation itself very uneasy. Nor was it possible to suppress that license; every man believing that his particular necessities, with which all men abounded, might easily have been relieved, and provided for, if it had not been for that ill husbandry; which they therefore called treachery and corruption. It cannot be denied but there was so great a treasure taken, which turned to no account, and so much more might have been taken, if the several ships had been applied to that end, that a full provision might have been made, both for the support of the fleet, and supply of the prince, and of all who depended upon him for a good time, if the same had been well managed; and could have been deposited in some secure place, till all might have been sold at good markets. And nobody was satisfied with the reasons which were given for the discharging and dismissing so many ships to gratify the city of London, and the presbyterian party throughout the kingdom. For, besides that the value of what was so given away and lost, was generally believed to be worth more than all they would have done, if they had been able, those bounties were not the natural motives which were to be applied to that people; whose affections had been long dead, and could be revived by nothing but their sharp sufferings, and their insupportable losses; the obstruction and destruction of their trade, and the seizing upon their estates, was the most proper application to the city of London, and the best arguments to make them in love with peace, and to extort it from them in whose power it was to give it. And if the fleet had applied itself to that, and visited all those maritime parts which were in counties well affected, and where

some places had declared for the king, (as Scarborough in Yorkshire did,) if it had not been possible to have set the king at liberty in the Isle of Wight, or to have relieved Colchester, the fort at Harwich being then declared for the king, (both which many men believed, how unskilfully soever, to be practicable,) it would have spent the time much more advantageously and honourably than it did.

But let the ill consequence be never so great, if it had proceeded from any corruption, it would have been discovered by the examination and inquisition that was made; and therefore it may be well concluded that there was none. And the truth is, the queen was so fully possessed of the purpose and the power of the Scots to do the king's business, before the insurrections in the several parts in England, and the revolt of the fleet appeared, that she did not enough weigh the good use that might have been made of those when they did happen, but kept her mind then so fixed upon Scotland, as the sole foundation of the king's hopes, that she looked upon the benefit of the fleet's returning to their allegiance, only as an opportunity offered by Providence to transport the prince with security thither. And her instructions to those she trusted about the prince were so positive, "that they should not give consent to any "thing that might divert or delay that expedition," that, if the earl of Lautherdale had been arrived when the prince came to the fleet, it would have been immediately engaged to have transported the prince into Scotland, what other conveniences soever, preferable to that, had offered themselves. And the very next day after that lord's coming to the

prince in the Downs, his injunctions and behaviour were so imperious for the prince's present departure, that nothing but a direct mutiny among the seamen prevented it. His highness's own ship was under sail for Holland, that he might from thence have prosecuted his other voyage: nor would he at that time have taken Holland in his way, if there had been any quantity of provision in the fleet for such a peregrination. This expedition for Scotland was the more grievous to all men, because it was evident that the prince himself was much more inclined to have pursued other occasions which were offered, and only resigned himself implicitly to the pleasure of his mother.

The present ill condition of the fleet, and the unsteady humour of the common seamen, was the more notorious and unseasonable, by the earl of Warwick's coming with another fleet from the parliament upon the coast of Holland, within few days after the prince came to the Hague, and anchoring within view of the king's fleet. And it is probable he would have made some hostile attempt upon it, well knowing that many officers and seamen were on shore, if the States had not, in the very instant, sent some of their ships of war to preserve the peace in their port. However, according to the insolence of his masters, and of most of those employed by them, the earl sent a summons of a strange nature to the king's ships, in which he took notice, "that a fleet of ships, "which were part of the navy royal of the king-"dom of England, was then riding at anchor off "Helvoetsluys, and bearing a standard: that he "did therefore, by the parliament's authority, by "which he was constituted lord high admiral of

" England, require the admiral, or commander in " chief of that fleet, to take down the standard; " and the captains, and mariners belonging to the " ships, to render themselves and the ships to him, " as high admiral of England, and for the use of " the king and parliament: and he did, by the like " authority, offer an indemnity to all those who " should submit to him."

After which summons, though received by the lord Willoughby, who remained on board the fleet in the command of vice-admiral, with that indignation that was due to it, and though it made no impression upon the officers, nor visibly, at that time, upon the common men, yet, during the time the earl continued in so near a neighbourhood, he did find means by private insinuations, and by sending many of his seamen on shore at Helvoetsluys, (where they entered into conversation with their old companions,) so to work upon and corrupt many of the seamen, that it afterwards appeared many were debauched; some whereof went on board his ships, others stayed to do more mischief. But that ill neighbourhood continued not long; for the season of the year, and the winds which usually rage on that coast in the month of September, removed him from that station, and carried him back to the Downs to attend new orders.

All these disturbances were attended with a worse, which fell out at the same time, and that was the sickness of the prince; who, after some days' indisposition, appeared to have the smallpox; which almost distracted all who were about him, who knew how much depended upon his precious life: and therefore the consternation was very universal whilst that was thought in danger. But, by

the goodness and mercy of God, he recovered in few days the peril of that distemper; and, within a month, was restored to so perfect health, that he was able to take an account himself of his melancholic and perplexed affairs.

There were two points which were in the first place to be considered, and provided for by the prince; neither of which would bear delay for the consultation and resolution: the first, how to make provision to pay and victual the fleet, and to compose the mutinous spirits of the seamen; who paid no reverence to their officers, insomuch as, in the short stay which the earl of Warwick had made before Helvoetsluys, as hath been said, many of the seamen had gone over to him, and the Constant Warwick, a frigate of the best account, had either voluntarily left the prince's fleet, or suffered itself willingly to be taken, and carried away with the rest into England. The other was, what he should do with the fleet, when it was both paid and victualled.

Towards the first, there were some ships brought in with the fleet, laden with several merchandise of value, that, if they could be sold for the true worth, would amount to a sum sufficient to pay the seamen their wages, and to put in provisions enough to serve four months; and there were many merchants from London, who were desirous to buy their own goods, which had been taken from them; and others had commissions from thence to buy the rest. But then they all knew, that they could not be carried to any other market, but must be sold in the place where they were; and therefore they were resolved to have very good pennyworths. And there were many debts claimed, which the

prince had promised, whilst he was in the river, should be paid out of the first money that should be raised upon the sale of such and such ships: particularly, the prince believed that the countess of Carlisle, who had committed faults enough to the king and queen, had pawned her necklace of pearls for fifteen hundred pounds, which she had totally disbursed in supplying officers, and making other provisions for the expedition of the earl of Holland, (which sum of fifteen hundred pounds the prince had promised the lord Piercy her brother, who was a very importunate solicitor,) should be paid upon the sale of a ship that was laden with sugar, and was then conceived to be worth above six or seven thousand pounds. Others had the like engagements upon other ships: so that when money was to be raised upon the sale of merchandise, they who had such engagements would be themselves intrusted, or nominate those who should be, to make the bargain with purchasers, to the end that they might be sure to receive what they claimed, out of the first monies that should be raised. By this means, double the value was delivered, to satisfy a debt that was not above the half.

But that which was worse than all this, the prince of Orange advertised the prince, that some questions had been started in the States, "what "they should do, if the parliament of England "(which had now a very dreadful name) should "send over to them to demand the restitution of "those merchants' goods, which had been unjustly "taken in the Downs, and in the river of Thames, "and had been brought into their ports, and were

" offered to sale there, against the obligation of " that amity which had been observed between the " two nations, during the late war? What answer " they should be able to make, or how they could " refuse to permit the owners of those goods to " make their arrests, and to sue in their admiralty " for the same? Which first process would stop " the present sale of whatever others pretended a " title to, till the right should be determined." The prince of Orange said, " that such questions " used not to be started there without design;" and therefore advised the prince " to lose no time " in making complete sales of all that was to be " sold; to the end that they who were engaged in " the purchase, might likewise be engaged in the " defence of it." Upon this ground, as well as the others which have been mentioned, hasty bargains were made with all who desired to buy, and who would not buy except they were sure to be good gainers by all the bargains which they made. Nor could this be prevented by the caution or wisdom of any who were upon the place, with no more authority than they had. Mr. Long, who was secretary to the prince, had been possessed of the office of receiving and paying all monies, whilst the prince was in the fleet, and so could not well be removed from it when he came into Holland: though he was thought to love money too well, yet nobody who loved it less, would at that time have submitted to the employment, which exposed him to the importunity and insolence of all necessitous persons, when he could satisfy none; yet he liked it well with all its prejudice and disadvantage.

As soon as the money was raised, it was sent to

the fleet to pay the seamen; and the prince made a journey to the fleet to see, and keep up the spirits of the seamen, who were very mutinous, not without the infusions of some who did not desire they should be too well pleased with their officers. The lord Willoughby stayed on board purely out of duty to the king, though he liked neither the place he had, nor the people over whom he was to command, who had yet more respect for him than for any body else. Sir William Batten likewise remained with them, not knowing well how to refuse it, though he had too much reason to be weary of his province, the seamen having contracted an implacable jealousy and malice against him, more than they were naturally inclined to. And the truth is, though there was not any evidence that he had any foul practices, he had an impatient desire to make his peace, and to live in his own country, as afterwards he did with the leave of the king; against whom he never after took employment.

The other point to be resolved was yet more difficult, "what should be done with the fleet, and "who should command it?" and though the advertisement the prince of Orange had given his royal highness, of the question started in the States, concerned only the merchants' ships, which were made prize, yet it was very easy to discern the logic of that question would extend as well, and be applied to those of the royal navy, as to merchants' ships. And it was evident enough, that the United Provinces would not take upon them to determine whether they were in truth the ships of the king or of the parliament. And it was only

the differences which were yet kept up in the houses, which kept them from being united in that demand. So that the prince knew that nothing was more necessary than that they should be gone out of the ports of those provinces, and that the States wished it exceedingly.

Whilst Bamfield was about the person of the duke of York, he had infused into him a marvellous desire to be possessed of the government of the fleet; but the duke was convinced with much ado, that it was neither safe for his highness, nor for his father's service, that he should be embarked in it: and Bamfield, by an especial command from the king, who had discovered more of his foul practices than could be known to the prince, was not suffered to come any more near the person of the duke. So he returned into England; where he was never called in question for stealing the duke away. From this time the duke, who was not yet above twelve or thirteen years of age, was so far from desiring to be with the fleet, that, when there was once a proposition, upon occasion of a sudden mutiny amongst the seamen, "that he should go to Helvoetsluys, to appear "amongst them," who professed great duty to his highness, he was so offended at it that he would not hear of it; and he had still some servant about him who took pains to persuade him, "that the "council had persuaded the prince to that desig- "nation, out of ill will to his highness, and that "the ships might deliver him up to the parlia- "ment." So unpleasant and uncomfortable a province had those persons, who, being of the king's council, served both with great fidelity;

every body who was unsatisfied (and nobody was satisfied) aspersing them, or some of them (for their prejudice was not equal to them all) in such a manner as touched the honour of the rest, and most reflected upon the king's own honour and service.

It was evident enough that prince Rupert had a long desire to have that command of the fleet put into his hands; and that desire, though carried with all secrecy, had been the cause of so many intrigues, either to inflame the seamen, or to cherish their froward inclinations, and increase the prejudice they had to Batten. The attorney mentioned this to the chancellor of the exchequer, shortly after his coming to the Hague, as a thing, he thought, that prince might be induced to accept out of his zeal to the king's service, if he were invited to it; and thereupon was willing to debate, to what person the government of the fleet could be committed, when it should set sail from that port, and whither it should go. The chancellor made no other answer to him, than "that it was like to be "a charge of much danger and hazard; that he "must not believe that any body would propose "the undertaking it to prince Rupert, or that the "prince would command him to undertake it; and "that he thought it necessary, that it should be "first resolved what the fleet should do, and whi-"ther it should go, before a commander should be "appointed over it."

When the marquis of Ormond had waited so many months at Paris for the performance of those gaudy promises which the cardinal had made, after he saw in what manner the prince of Wales him-

self was treated by him, and that he would not suffer the least assistance to be applied to the affairs of England, in a conjuncture when very little would probably have done the work, upon the revolt of the fleet, upon so powerful insurrections in England, and possessing so many places of importance on the king's behalf, and when the whole kingdom of Scotland seemed so united for his majesty's service, and an army of thirty thousand men were even ready to march; I say, after he discerned that the cardinal was so far from giving any countenance or warmth to their blooming hopes, that he left nothing undone towards the destroying them but the imprisoning the prince; he concluded that it was in vain for him to expect any relief for Ireland. And therefore he resolved, though he had neither men, nor money, nor arms, nor ammunition, all which had been very liberally promised to transport with him, he would yet transport his own person, to what evident danger soever he was to expose it. Upon the full assurance the cardinal had given him of very substantial aid, he had assured the lord Inchiquin, "that he would be pre-"sent with him with notable supply of money, "arms, and ammunition, and good officers, and "some common men," (which were all in readiness, if the money had been paid to entertain them,) and had likewise sent to many, who had formerly served the king, and lived now quietly in the enemy's quarters, upon the articles which had been formerly granted the marquis of Ormond, "that they should expect his speedy arrival."

And though he had, from time to time, sent advertisements of the delays and obstructions he met

with in the French court, so that he did almost despair of any assistance from it, yet the lord Inchiquin had advanced too far to retire; and the lord Lisle, who had been sufficiently provoked, and contemned by him, was gone into England with full malice, and such information (which was not hard for him to be furnished with) as would put Cromwell and the army into such fury, that his friends in the parliament, who had hitherto sustained his credit, would be very hardly able to support him longer. So that, as he was to expect a storm from thence, so he had a very sharp war to maintain against the Irish, led and commanded by the pope's nuncio; which war had been always carried on in Munster with wonderful animosity, and with some circumstances of bloodiness, especially against priests, and others of the Roman clergy, that it was very hard to hope that those people would live well together. And indeed the Irish were near rooted out of the province of Munster, though they were powerful enough and strong in all the other provinces. Hereupon the lord Inchiquin, with all possible earnestness, writ to the lord of Ormond, "that, though without any "other assistance, he would transport his own "person:" by whose countenance and authority he presumed the Irish might be divided and brought to reason; and desired him, "in the mean time to "send to such of the Irish as had dependence "upon him, and who, he knew, in their hearts did "not wish well to the nuncio, that they would "secretly correspond with him, and dispose their "friends and dependents to concur in what might "advance the king's service; to which they did "not know that he was inclined, but looked upon

" him, as the same malicious and irreconcilable " enemy to them, as he had always appeared to " me to their religion, more than to their persons."

From the time that the Irish entered into that bloody and foolish rebellion, they had very different affections, intentions, and designs, which were every day improved in the carrying on the war. That part of them which inhabited the *Pale*, so called from a circuit of ground contained in it, was originally of English extraction, since the first plantation by the English many ages past. And though they were degenerated into the manners and barbarous customs of the Irish, and were as stupidly transported with the highest superstition of the Romish religion, yet they had always steadily adhered to the crown, and performed the duty of good subjects during all those rebellions which the whole reign of queen Elizabeth was seldom without. And of that temper most of the province of Lemster was: Munster was the most planted with English of all the provinces of Ireland, and though there were many noblemen of that province who were of the oldest Irish extractions, and of those families which had been kings of Munster, yet many of them had intermarried with the best English families, and so were better bred and more civilized than the rest of the old Irish, and lived regularly in obedience to the government, and by connivance enjoyed the exercise of their religion, in which they were very zealous, with freedom and liberty enough.

The seat of the old Irish, who retained the rites, customs, manners, and ignorance of their ancestors, without any kind of reformation in either, was the province of Ulster; not the better cultivated by the

neighbourhood of the Scots, who were planted upon them in great numbers, with circumstances of great rigour, if not of injustice. Here the rebellion was first contrived, cherished, and entered upon with that horrid barbarity, by the O'Neiles, the Macguyres, and the Macmahoons; and though it quickly spread itself, and was entertained in the other provinces, (many persons of honour and quality engaging themselves by degrees in it for their own security, as they pretended, to preserve themselves from the undistinguishing severity of the lords justices, who denounced the war against all Irish equally, if not against all Roman catholics; which kind of mixture and confusion was carefully declined in all the orders and directions sent to them out of England, but so unskilfully pursued by the justices and council there, that as they found themselves without any employment or trust, to which they had cheerfully offered their service, they concluded, that the English Irish were as much in the jealousy of the state as the other, and so resolved to prevent the danger by as unwarrantable courses as the rest had done,) yet, I say, they were no sooner entered into the war, which was so generally embraced, but there appeared a very great difference in the temper and purposes of those who prosecuted it. They of the more moderate party, and whose main end was to obtain liberty for the exercise of their religion, without any thought of declining their subjection to the king, or of invading his prerogative, put themselves under the command of general Preston: the other, of the fiercer and more savage party, and who never meant to return to their obedience of the crown of England, and looked

upon all the estates which had ever been in the possession of any of their ancestors, though forfeited by their treason and rebellion, as justly due to them, and ravished from them by the tyranny of the crown, marched under the conduct of Owen Roe O'Neile; both generals of the Irish nation; the one descended of English extraction through many descents; the other purely Irish, and of the family of Tyrone; both bred in the wars of Flanders, and both eminent commanders there, and of perpetual jealousy of each other; the one of the more frank and open nature; the other darker, less polite, and the wiser man; but both of them then in the head of more numerous armies apart, than all the king's power could bring into the field against either of them.

This disparity in the temper and humour of those people first disposed those of the most moderate to desire a peace shortly after the rebellion was begun, and produced the cessation that was first entered into, and the peace, which did not soon enough ensue upon it; and which, upon the matter, did provide only for the exercise of the Roman catholic religion; but did that in so immoderate and extravagant a manner, as made it obnoxious to all the protestants of the king's dominions.

Owen Roe O'Neile refused to submit to the conditions and articles of that peace, though transacted and confirmed by their catholic council at Kilkenny, which was the representative the Irish nation had chosen for the conduct of all the counsels for peace and war, and to which they all avowed, and had hitherto paid, an entire obedience. The pope's nuncio, who about that time came from Rome, and transported himself into that kingdom, applied

himself to Owen O'Neile, and took that party into his protection; and so wrought upon their clergy, generally, that he broke that peace, and prosecuted those who had made it, with those circumstances which have been before remembered, and which necessitated the lord lieutenant to quit the kingdom, and to leave the city of Dublin in the hands of the parliament; the lord Inchiquin having likewise refused to consent, and submit to that peace, and continued to make the war sharply and successfully against the Irish in the province of Munster; whereof he was president. But the nuncio was no sooner invested in the supreme command of that nation both by sea and land, as over a people subject to the pope, and of a dominion belonging to him, than, being a man of a fantastical humour, and of an imperious and proud nature, he behaved himself so insolently towards all, (and, having brought no assistance to them but the pope's bulls, endeavoured by new exactions to enrich himself,) that even the men of Ulster were weary of him; and they who had been the instruments of the former peace were not wanting to foment those jealousies and discontents, which had produced that application to the queen and prince at St. Germains, and the resolution of sending the marquis of Ormond thither again, both which have been related before. And the marquis now having given the lord Muskerry (who had married his sister, and was the most powerful person and of the greatest interest in Munster of all the Irish) and other of his friends notice that the lord Inchiquin would serve the king, and therefore required them to hold secret correspondence with him, and to concur with him in what he

should desire for the advancement of his service, they found means to hold such intercourse with him, that, before the marquis of Ormond arrived there, against all the opposition the nuncio could make, a cessation of arms was concluded between the confederate catholics and the lord Inchiquin; and the nuncio was driven into Waterford; and, upon the matter, besieged there by the catholic Irish; and the marquis arriving at the same time at Kinsale, and being received by the lord Inchiquin with all imaginable duty as the king's lieutenant, the forlorn and contemned nuncio found it necessary to transport himself into Italy, leaving the kingdom of Ireland under an excommunication, and interdict, as an apostate nation; and all the province of Munster (in which there are many excellent ports) became immediately and entirely under the king's obedience. All which being well known to the prince and the council, it was easily concluded, "that it was the best, if not the only "place the fleet could repair to;" though the danger in conducting it thither was visible enough; and therefore they were glad that prince Rupert had made that advance towards the command of it, and well satisfied with the wariness of the answer [the chancellor of the exchequer gave to the attorney Herbert].

There was in truth nobody in view to whom the charge of the fleet could be committed but prince Rupert: for it was well known that the lord Willoughby, besides his being without much experience of the sea, was weary of it, and would by no means continue there; and the seamen were too much broke loose from all kind of order, to be reduced by a commander of an ordinary rank. It was as

true, that prince Rupert, at that time, was generally very ungracious in England, having the misfortune to be no better beloved by the king's party, than he was by the parliament. This was an exception that was foreseen: and as there was no other choice of a place to which the fleet must be carried, but Munster; and the passage thither could not but be full of danger, in respect that the parliament was without question master of the sea, (although the island of Scilly being then under the king's authority, and sir John Greenvil being the governor thereof, made that passage something the more secure,) so this purpose was to be concealed as the last secret; there being great danger that the seamen would rather carry all the ships back again to the parliament, than into Ireland; against which people they had made a war at sea with circumstances very barbarous, for they had never given any quarter, but the Irish, as well merchants and passengers, as mariners, which fell into their hands, as hath been said before, were bound back to back, and thrown into the sea; so that they could have no inclination to go into a country whose people had been handled so cruelly by them.

Here again appeared another objection against the person of prince Rupert, who would never endure to be subject to the command of the lord lieutenant of that kingdom: and yet it seemed most reasonable that the ships, whilst they stayed there, might be employed towards the reducing of the other parts, which were in rebellion: besides that there was cause to fear, that the prince would not live with that amity towards the marquis of Ormond, as was necessary for the public service.

Notwithstanding all this, when the stratagem of having prince Rupert desired to take the command of the fleet upon him did not succeed, prince Rupert himself made the proposition to the prince to take the command of it upon him, and to carry it whither his royal highness would be pleased to direct. And then, the whole matter being debated, necessity made that to be counsellable, against which very many reasonable objections might be made. So it was resolved that prince Rupert should be admiral of that fleet, and that it should sail for Ireland. And the charge and expedition appeared to be the more hopeful by the presence of good officers, who had long commanded in the royal navy: sir Thomas Kettleby, whom the prince made captain of his own ship the Antelope; sir John Mennes, who had the command of the Swallow, a ship of which he had been captain many years before; and colonel Richard Fielding, who was made captain of the Constant Reformation; all worthy and faithful men to the king's service, of long experience in the service at sea, and well known and loved by the seamen. With these officers, and some other gentlemen, who were willing to spend their time in that service, prince Rupert went to Helvoetsluys, where the ships lay, and seemed to be received by the fleet with great joy. They all bestirred themselves in their several places to get the ships ready for sea, and all those provisions which were necessary, in making whereof there had not diligence enough been used.

When they took a strict survey of the ships, the carpenters were all of opinion, "that the Conver-"tine, a ship of the second rank, that carried

" seventy guns, was too old and decayed to be now " set out in a winter voyage, and in so rough seas, " and that when a great deal of money should be " laid out to mend her, she would not be service- " able or safe." And it did appear, that when the officers of the navy had fitted her out at the beginning of the summer, they had declared, " that, " when she came in again, she would not be fit for " more use, but must be laid upon the stocks." Whereupon the ship was brought into Helvoetsluys, upon the next spring tide, and examined by the best Dutch carpenters and surveyors; and all being of the same mind, information was sent by prince Rupert to the prince of the whole, who thereupon gave direction for the sale of the ordnance, and whatsoever else would yield money: all which was applied to the victualling and setting out the rest, without which no means could have been found to have done it; so much ill husbandry had been used, and so much direct cheating in the managing all the money that had been raised upon the prizes.

Prince Rupert remained all the time at Helvoetsluys, till all was ready to set sail, and had, with notable vigour and success, suppressed two or three mutinies, in one of which he had been compelled to throw two or three seamen overboard by the strength of his own arms. When he wanted any thing, he always writ to the chancellor, whom of all the council he most esteemed; and twice in that time he writ to the prince to send the chancellor to Helvoetsluys, to advise with him upon some particulars; who went accordingly in very cold seasons, and stayed a day or two with him,

commonly to compose some differences between him and the officers. All subordinate officers were appointed, commissioners for the sale of all prize goods, and ships that should be taken, treasurers and paymasters for issuing and paying and receiving all monies; and an establishment for the whole too regular and strict to be observed: and though all persons employed were well known, and approved by prince Rupert, and most of them nominated by himself, yet he thought it fit after to change that constitution, and by degrees brought the whole receipts and issues under his own management, and sole government. When all was ready he came to the Hague to take leave of the prince, and returned, and about the beginning of December he set sail for Ireland, met with good prizes in the way, and arrived safely at Kinsale: nor had he been long gone out of Holland, when the prince had a shrewd evidence how unsecure a longer abode would have been there, by some parliament ships coming into that road, and sending their men on shore, who at noonday burnt the Convertine within the very town of Helvoetsluys, nor did the States make any expostulation, or do any justice for the affront offered to themselves, and their government.

In this calamitous state of affairs there seemed to be no hope left, but that by treaty the king might yet be restored to such a condition, that there might be those roots left in the crown, from whence its former power and prerogative might sprout out hereafter, and flourish. The commissioners for the treaty arrived in the Isle of Wight upon the fifteenth day of September, whilst Crom-

well yet remained in his northern progress, and his army divided into several parts for the finishing his conquest; which was the reason that all they who wished ill to the treaty, and that it might prove ineffectual, had used and interposed all the delays they could, that he might return before it begun, as they who wished it might succeed well, were as solicitous, that it might be concluded before that time; which made them the less to insist upon many particulars both in the propositions and the instructions, which they hoped might be more capable of remedies in the treaty than before it.

They stayed three days in the island before the treaty begun, which was time little enough to prepare the house for the king's reception at Newport, and adjusting many circumstances of the treaty. In that time they waited several times on the king, with great show of outward duty and respect; and though none of them durst adventure to see the king in private, they communicated freely with some of those lords, and others, who, with the parliament's leave, were come to attend the king during the time of the treaty. And so they found means to advertise his majesty of many particulars, which they thought necessary for him to know; which made impressions upon him, as the information proceeded from persons better or worse affected to him. And many of those who had liberty to attend, were competent considerers of the truth of what they said.

The truth is, there were amongst the commissioners many who had been carried with the violence of the stream, and would be glad of those concessions which the king would very cheerfully

have granted; an act of indemnity and oblivion being what they were principally concerned in. And of all the rest, who were more passionate for the militia, and against the church, there was no man, except sir Harry Vane, who did not desire that a peace might be established by that treaty. For as all the other lords desired, in their own natures and affections, no more than that their transgressions might never more be called to remembrance; so the lord Say himself (who was as proud of his quality, and of being distinguished from other men by his title, as any man alive) well foresaw what would become of his peerage, if the treaty proved ineffectual, and the army should make their own model of the government they would submit to, (as undoubtedly they resolved shortly to do,) and therefore he did all he could to work upon the king to yield to what was proposed to him, and, afterwards, upon the parliament, to be content with what his majesty had yielded. But the advice they all gave, of what inclinations or affections soever they were, was the same, "that his "majesty should, forthwith, and without delaying "it to the expiration of the term assigned by the "parliament for the treaty," (which was forty days,) "yield to the full demands which were made "in the propositions." Their only argument was, "that, if he did not, or not do it quickly, the army "would proceed their own way, and had enough "declared, that they would depose the king, change "the government, and settle a republic by their "own rules and invention." And this advertisement was as well believed by those of the king's own party, as by the commissioners themselves.

Before the treaty begun, the commissioners made it known to the king, "that they could not admit "that any person should be present in the room "where the treaty should be, much less that any "man should presume to speak, or interpose his "opinion or advice, upon any matter that should "be in debate: that they were commissioners sent "from the parliament to treat with his majesty, "and with him alone; and that they might not "permit any particular and private persons to op- "pose or confer with them upon the demands of "the parliament." So that albeit the parliament had given leave to the several bishops, and other divines, and to many lawyers of eminency, to wait on his majesty, upon his desire, that they might instruct and inform him in all difficult cases which related to religion or the law of the land, they were like to be of little use to him now they were come, if they might not be present at the debate, and offer such advice to his majesty, as upon emergent occasions he should stand in need of, or require from them. At last they were contented, and his majesty was obliged to be contented too, that they might stand behind a curtain, and hear all that was said, and when any such difficulty occurred as would require consultation, his majesty might retire to his chamber, and call those to him, with whom he would advise, to attend him, and might then return again into the room for the treaty, and declare his own resolution. This was the unequal and unreasonable preliminary and condition, to which the king was compelled to submit before the treaty could begin.

They who had not seen the king in a year's time

(for it was little less from the time that he had left Hampton Court) found his countenance extremely altered. From the time that his own servants had been taken from him, he would never suffer his hair to be cut, nor cared to have any new clothes; so that his aspect and appearance was very different from what it had used to be: otherwise, his health was good, and he was much more cheerful in his discourses towards all men than could have been imagined, after such mortification of all kinds. He was not at all dejected in his spirits, but carried himself with the same majesty he had used to do. His hair was all gray, which, making all others very sad, made it thought that he had sorrow in his countenance, which appeared only by that shadow.

Upon Monday the 18th of September, the treaty begun, and the commissioners presented their commission to his majesty, to treat with him personally, upon the propositions presented formerly at Hampton Court, concerning the kingdom of England and Ireland only, and upon such propositions as should be offered either by his majesty, or the two houses of parliament, according to their instructions, &c. Though the king knew very well, that Cromwell had so totally subdued Scotland, that he had not left any man there in the least authority or power, who did so much as pretend to wish well to him, and that, in truth, Cromwell had as much the command there as Argyle himself had, who was but his creature, yet, either to recover their broken spirits, or to manifest his own royal compassion for them, he told the commissioners, "that, when the pro-" positions had been delivered to him at Hampton

" Court, the Scottish interest was so involved in " them, that it could be hardly separable from that " of England: that it concerned him, as king of " both kingdoms, to be just and equal between " both; and that though they had no authority to " treat for any thing but what related to England, " yet he, who was to provide for the public peace, " (which could hardly be provided for, except the " Scots were comprehended in this treaty,) did de- " sire, that they would send to the two houses of " parliament, to give a pass for one of the servants " to go into Scotland, to invite the council there to " send somebody authorized by that kingdom, who " might treat with the commissioners of parlia- " ment:" and to that purpose his majesty delivered them a paper in writing to be sent by them to the parliament, telling them at the same time, " that " it was never his desire or meaning, that they " should meddle in the government of England, " but only should treat concerning the peace, to " the end that that might be durable." But the commissioners alleged, that " it was not in their " power to receive and transmit that, or any other " paper, to the parliament, that referred to that " kingdom; and they besought him to give them " leave, as an evidence of their duty, to inform " him of what ill consequence the transmission of " that paper at that time might be to the treaty " itself." Whereupon he declined sending it by a messenger of his own for the present, (which he intended to have done,) being unwilling to give any occasion of dispute or jealousy so early, and believing that after he should have gotten a good understanding with the two houses, in what was of

immediate concernment to England, he should more effectually transmit that, or any other paper, for the more easy composing the affairs of Scotland.

Then they presented their first proposition to his majesty; "that he would revoke all declara-"tions, and commissions granted heretofore by "him against the parliament." Whereupon his majesty desired, "that he might see all the pro-"positions, they had to make to him, together; "that he might the better consider what satisfac-"tion he could give them upon the whole:" which they would not yield to without much importunity, and at last delivered them with reluctancy, as a thing they were not sure they ought to do. And though their commission referred to instructions, and his majesty desired that he might have a view of those, they peremptorily refused to let him have a sight of them; and only told him, "that they "were directed by their instructions, first to treat "upon the proposition they had already presented "to him, concerning the revocation of the declara-"tions, &c. and in the next place, of the church, "then of the militia, and fourthly of Ireland, and "afterwards of the rest of the propositions in "order;" and they declared likewise that, "by "their instructions, they were not to enter upon "any new propositions, before they should have "received his majesty's final answer to what was "first proposed."

Hereupon the king demanded of them, "whether "they had power and authority to recede from any "particular contained in their propositions, or to "consent to any alterations, if his majesty should "give them good reason so to do?". To which

they answered very magisterially, "that they were "ready to debate, to shew how reasonable their "desires were, and that there could be no reason "why they should alter or recede from them; but "if his majesty did satisfy them, they should do "therein as they were warranted by their instruc-"tions." These limitations and restrictions in a matter of that importance, which contained a new frame of government, and an alteration of all civil and ecclesiastical constitutions, almost damped and stifled all the hope his majesty had entertained of good from this treaty. However, he resolved to try if consenting to the substantial part of any proposition would give them satisfaction; and so, without taking notice of the preamble of that proposition, which they had delivered to him, he declared in writing, which he delivered to them, "that he was willing to grant the body of their "proposition, that was to recall all declarations, "&c." But they immediately returned another paper to him, in which they said, "his majesty "had left unanswered the most essential part of "their proposition," repeating the words in the preamble, which recited, "that the two houses of "parliament had been necessitated to enter into a "war in their just and lawful defence; and that "the kingdom of England had entered into a so-"lemn league and covenant to prosecute the same;" and so justifying all that had been done, &c. To all which they very vehemently pressed "his ma-"jesty's approbation and consent, as the most ne-"cessary foundation of a lasting peace, and the in-"dispensable expectation of the two houses and of "the whole kingdom; and that the two houses,

" and the kingdom, could not decline this particu-
" lar demand, without which they could not believe
" themselves to be in any security; since, by the
" letter of the law, they who had adhered to the par-
" liament, might seem guilty of raising war against
" the king, and so to be guilty of high treason by
" the statute of the 25th year of king Edward the
" Third: whereas by the construction and equity
" thereof they were justified; and therefore that
" the consenting to this preamble was so essential,
" that without it the parliament would be thought
" guilty; which they hoped his majesty did not
" desire it should." And that this might make the deeper impression upon him, the lord Say, in the debate of it, twice repeated, with more passion than was natural to his constitution, " that he did
" tremble to think how sad the consequence would
" be, if what they now pressed should be denied."
And others said, that " it was no more than his
" majesty had heretofore granted in the act of in-
" demnity that he had passed in Scotland; and if
" he should now refuse to do it in England, there
" would be a speedy end put to the treaty, without
" entering upon any of the other propositions."
The king was so much perplexed and offended with this impudent way of reasoning, that he told those with whom he consulted, and writ the same to the prince his son, " that the long restraint he had
" endured in the castle of Carisbrook, was not a
" greater evidence of the captivity of his person,
" nor was he more sensible of it, than this was of
" the captivity of his mind, by his being forced to
" decline those answers and arguments which were
" proper to the support of his cause, and which

" must have brought blushes over the faces of the " commissioners, and to frame others more sea- " sonable and fit to be offered to men in that con- " dition from him who was to receive, and not " give conditions."

However, this proposition was of so horrid and monstrous a nature, so contrary to the known truth, and so destructive to justice and government, that it seemed to naturalize rebellion, and to make it current in the kingdom to all posterity, that his majesty could not forbear to tell them, " that no act of parliament could make that to be " true, which was notoriously known to be false; " that this treaty must be the foundation of the " future peace and security, and what was herein " provided for both could never be called in ques- " tion; that he was most willing, that it should be " made very penal to every man to reproach another " for any thing he had done during the late trou- " bles, upon what provocation soever." He put them in mind, " that it was well known to some " of them, that the act of indemnity in Scotland " was passed when his majesty was not there, nor " any commissioner appointed by him; that it was " prepared and drawn by his attorney general of " that kingdom, who was then of the party that " was against his majesty; and therefore it was " no wonder that he called those of his own side, " loyal subjects, and good Christians, in the pre- " amble of that act; which was never seen by his " majesty, though it was confirmed indeed, with " the other acts which had passed in that dis- " orderly time, by his majesty upon the conclusion " of the peace, and their return to their obedience;

" and that, when that should be the case here, he " would give them all the appellations they should " desire, and as unquestionable security as they " could wish." To all which they made no other reply, and that unanimously, " but that they could " not believe themselves secure, if that preamble " was not entirely consented to."

This refractory obstinate adherence of the commissioners to their own will, without any shadow of reason, prevailed nothing upon the king; insomuch as he was inclined to run the hazard of the present dissolution of the treaty, and to undergo all the inconveniences and mischiefs which probably might attend it, rather than to sacrifice his honour, and the justice of his cause, to their insolent demand, until he had entered into a serious deliberation with those persons who were about him, of whose affections to him he had all assurance, and of the great abilities and understanding of most of them he had a very just esteem. They all represented to him, from the conference they had with such of the commissioners, who, they were confident, spoke to them as they thought and believed, " that if there were no expedient found " out to give more satisfaction upon this first pro- " position, than his majesty had yet offered, as " soon as the commissioners should give account " of it to the two houses, they would be presently " recalled; and the treaty be at an end: and then " it would be universally declared and believed, " how untrue soever the assertion was, that the " king refused to secure the parliament, and all " who had adhered to them, from a prosecution by " law; upon which they thought it to no purpose

" to proceed farther in the treaty: whereas if his " majesty had condescended to them in that par- " ticular, which concerned the lives and fortunes " of the whole kingdom, they would have given " him such satisfaction in all other particulars, as " a full and happy peace must have ensued."

Then the lawyers informed him, " that his giving " way to a recital in a new law, which was not a " declaratory law of what the law was formerly in " being, concerning the business in question, and " only in a preamble to a law for recalling declara- " tions, &c. did not make their actions lawful, if " they were not so before; nor did it take away " from those who had adhered to him, any defence " or benefit the former laws had given to them; " nor would his party be in a worse condition than " they had always been: for his majesty had al- " ways offered, in all his declarations, that they " who followed him, and who were by them called " delinquents, should, at all times, submit to a trial " by the laws of the land, and if they should be " found guilty of any crime, they should not be " protected by him. And it was evident, by their " not prosecuting any one since they were fallen " into their hands, in any legal way, that they do " not think their transgressions can be punished " by law."

Upon these reasons, and the joint advice and importunity of all about him, as well the divines as the lawyers, the king first delivered a paper in writing to the commissioners, in which he declared, " that nothing that should be put in writing con- " cerning any proposition, or part of any proposi- " tion, should be binding, prejudicial, or made use

" of, if the treaty should break off without effect:" and the commissioners presented another paper in writing, in which they fully consented to that declaration, in the very terms of the said declaration. Thereupon the king consented to pass the first proposition, with the preamble to it, albeit, he said, " that he well foresaw the aspersions it would ex- " pose him to; yet he hoped his good subjects " would confess that it was but a part of the price " he had paid for their benefit, and the peace of " his dominions."

The first proposition being thus consented to as they could wish, they delivered their second concerning religion and the church; which comprehended " the utter abolishing episcopacy, and all " jurisdiction exercised by archbishops, bishops, " deans and chapters, and alienating their lands, " which should be sold to the use and benefit of " the commonwealth; the covenant; which was " presented to his majesty to take himself, and to " impose upon all others: the Common-Prayer and " public Liturgy of the church to be abolished, and " taken away; and that the reformation of religion, " according to the covenant, in such manner as " both houses had, or should agree, after consulta- " tion with divines, should be settled by act of " parliament:" which, the king told them, " ex- " ceeded the implicit faith of the church of Rome; " which only obliges her proselytes to what she " does hold, than to what she shall." It required " the establishing the presbyterian government, " the directory, the articles of Christian religion," (a body whereof they presented,) " the suppressing " innovations in churches; the better advancement

" of preaching, the observation of the Lord's day; " a bill against pluralities and non-residency; seve- " ral acts against papists; and the taking and im- " posing the covenant."

This pregnant proposition, containing so many monstrous particulars, sufficiently warned his majesty, how impossible it would be to give them satisfaction in all; and therefore having, by consenting to the entire first proposition, put it out of their power to break off the treaty, and to tell the people, " that the king, at the entrance into it, " had denied to give them any security for their " lives and fortunes," he thought it now fit to offer to the commissioners a proposition of his own, that both the parliament, and the people, might clearly discern how much of his own right and dignity he would sacrifice for their peace; and which, he thought, might prevent the designs of those who might endeavour, upon one single proposition, or part of a proposition, to break the treaty.

His own proposition contained, in very few words, but three particulars: 1. " That he might enjoy " his liberty: 2. That his revenue might be re- " stored to him: 3. That an act of oblivion might " pass:" which, he very well knew, would be most grateful to those who seemed to value it least, as it would exempt his own friends from a world of illegal and unjust vexations.

The commissioners absolutely refused to send it to the houses, though they had no authority to answer it themselves. They said, " it rather con- " tained an answer to all their propositions, than " was a single proposition of his own; and that the " sole end of making it was to cajole the people;"

" which, the king told them, " better became him " to do than any body else." But when they peremptorily refused to transmit it to the houses, the king sent an express of his own to deliver it; which being done, after some days' deliberation, the houses returned no other answer to the king, " than that his proposition was not satisfactory." In the mean time the commissioners pressed for his answer to the first part of their proposition, for the abolishing of bishops. It would be very tedious and unnecessary to set down at large the dispute, and arguments which were used on both sides upon this subject. The commissioners, who would not suffer any of the king's servants to be so much as present when any thing of the treaty was agitated, thought fit now to let loose their own clergy upon the king; who was much better versed in the argument than they were.

That which they urged most, was the common allegations, " that bishop and presbyter in the scrip- " ture language signified one and the same thing: " that, if the apostles exercised a larger jurisdic- " tion, it had been granted to them as apostles, " and concerned not their successors, to whom no " such authority had been granted, nor any supe- " riority over other presbyters, who were of the " same function with them." Then they inveighed vehemently against " lords bishops; their pride, " and lustre;" and as they all behaved themselves with that rudeness, as if they meant to be no longer subject to a king, as well as to a bishop; so two of them very plainly and fiercely told the king, " that if he did not consent to the utter abolishing " of episcopacy, he would be damned;" with which

his majesty was not moved. The men, Jenkins and Spurstow, lived after the return of king Charles the Second, and, according to the modesty of that race of people, came to kiss his majesty's hand, and continued the same zeal in all seditious attempts.

The king pressed them with those texts of scripture which have been constantly urged by those who maintain the *jus divinum* of bishops, the authority of the fathers, and the government of all Christian churches for fifteen hundred years, and particularly of the church of England, before and since the reformation, by constant and uniform practice and usage; which could not but be by themselves acknowledged to have been by bishops. The commissioners relieved their ill mannered clergy, and urged, "that whatsoever was not of "divine institution might very lawfully be altered; "for if it had its original from men, it might by "men be changed, or reversed: that episcopacy "as it was established in the church by the laws "of England, was not that episcopacy that was "mentioned or prescribed in scripture; and there- "fore the laws which supported it might be justly "taken away; which, they said, was the reason "that had induced many men who were not ene- "mies to episcopacy, to take the covenant; which "obliged them to take the present hierarchy away."

In a word they urged "the practice of other "reformed churches, and that his majesty insisting "upon the preservation of episcopacy, as essen- "tially necessary, was to reproach and condemn "them." To which he answered, "that both "Calvin and Beza, and most learned men of the "reformed churches, had approved and commended

" the episcopal government in England; and many " of them had bewailed themselves, that they were " not permitted to retain that government."

Besides all their arguments in public, which his majesty with wonderful acuteness fully answered, and delivered his answers in writing to them, (which none of them ever after undertook to reply unto,) they found means in private to advertise the king, that is, such of them who were known to wish well to him, " that they were of his majesty's " judgment with reference to the government, " which they hoped might yet be preserved, but " not by the method his majesty pursued: that all " the reasonable hope of preserving the crown, " was in dividing the parliament from the army; " which could be only done by his giving satisfac- " tion in what was demanded with reference to the " church; which would unite the parliament in " itself, some few persons excepted, and the city to " the parliament; where the presbyterians were " most powerful; and this being done, the parlia- " ment would immediately have power to reform " their army, and to disband those who would not " be reformed: that then the king would be re- " moved to London, to perfect that by his own " presence in parliament, which should be prepared " by this treaty; and then the wording those bills, " and the formality of passing them, would give " opportunity for many alterations; which, being " now attempted, would destroy all, and reconcile " the parliament to the army; which would destroy " the king: but then, what the king urged as " matter of conscience in himself would find " respect, reverence, and concurrence." No

doubt they, who did make these insinuations, did in truth believe themselves; and did think, as well as wish, that the sequel would be such as they foretold. But that which had more authority with the king, and which nobody about him could put him in mind of, because none of them had been privy to it, was the remembrance of what he had promised concerning the church to the Scots, in the engagement at the Isle of Wight; which he could not but conclude was well known to many of the presbyterians in England: and he thought, that whatever he had promised to do then, upon the bare hope and probability of raising an army, he might reasonably now offer when that army was destroyed, and no hope left of raising another. And thereupon he did, with much reluctancy, offer the same he had then promised to do, because he hoped then it would not be in his power to do it; which was, "to suspend episcopacy "for three years, and then upon consultation with "divines, amongst which he would nominate "twenty to be present, and to consult with them, "such a government of the church as should be "agreed upon might be established: that he "would not force any man to take the covenant, "and would have the privilege of his own chapel "to use the Common-Prayer, and observe the "same worship he had used to do; and that all "persons, who desired it, might have liberty to "take the covenant, and to use the directory: "in fine, he consented to all that he had offered in "that engagement with reference to the govern-"ment of the church;" and likewise, "that "money should be raised upon the sale of the

" church lands, and only the old rent should be " reserved to the just owners and their successors." These, with some other concessions of less importance, which related to other branches of the same proposition, *magna inter suspiria*, he delivered to the commissioners as his final answer; which the major part of them did then believe would have preserved his majesty from farther importunity and vexation in that particular.

The next proposition was concerning the militia; which was their darling; and distinguished the Scots from the English presbyterians; the former never desiring to invade that unquestionable prerogative of the crown; the latter being in truth as fond of it (and as refractory without it) as of presbytery itself; and in that particular concurred even with Cromwell, and made little doubt of subduing him by it in a short time. In this demand they exercised their usual modesty, and, to abridge the substance of it in few words, they required " a " power to keep up the present army, and to raise " what other armies they pleased for the future; " which gave them authority over the persons of " all subjects, of what degree or quality soever. " Secondly, a power to raise money for the use " and maintenance of those forces, in such a " manner, and by such ways and means as they " should think fit." And hereby they had had the disposal of the estates and fortunes of all men without restraint or limitation. Thirdly, " all " forces by land and sea to be managed and dis- " posed as they should think fit, and not other- " wise." All this modest power and authority " must be granted to the lords and commons for

"twenty years." And, as if this had not been enough, they required farther, "that in all cases, "when the lords and commons shall declare the "safety of the kingdom to be concerned, unless "the king give his royal assent to such a bill as "shall be tendered to him for raising money, the "bill shall have the force of an act of parliament, "as if he had given his royal assent."

There were other particulars included, of power to the city of London over the militia, and for the Tower of London, of no importance to the king, if he once disposed, and granted the other as was required, nor need he take care to whom the rest belonged. Here the king was to consider whether he would wholly grant it, or wholly deny it, or whether he might reasonably hope so to limit it, that they might have authority enough to please them, and he reserve some to himself for his own security. The king had thought with himself, upon revolving all expedients, which he had too long warning to ruminate upon, to propose "that "the inhabitants of every county should be the "standing militia of the kingdom, to be drawn out "of the counties upon any occasions which should "occur;" which would prevent all excessive taxes and impositions, when they were to be paid by themselves. But he quickly discerned that such a proposition would be presently called a conspiracy against the army, and so put an end to all other expedients. Then he thought of limiting the extravagant power in such a manner, that it might not appear so monstrous to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and therefore proposed, "that none "should be compelled to serve in the war against

" their wills, but in case of an invasion by foreign " enemies: that the power concerning the land " forces should be exercised to no other purposes, " than for the suppressing of forces which might " at any time be raised without the authority and " consent of the lords and commons, and for the " keeping up and maintaining the forts and gar- " risons, and the present army, so long as it should " be thought fit by both houses of parliament: " that what monies should at any time be thought " necessary to be raised, should be raised by " general and equal taxes, and impositions; and " lastly, that all patents and commissions to the " purposes aforesaid might be made in the king's " name, by warrant signified by the lords and " commons, or such other signification as they " should direct and authorize."

These limitations were sent to the parliament, who, according to the method they had assumed, soon voted " that the message was unsatisfactory." Hereupon, that he might at least leave some monument and record of his care and tenderness of his people, (for, after his extorted concessions to the so great prejudice of the church, he never considered what might be dangerous to his own person,) he delivered his consent to the proposition itself to the commissioners, with a preamble to this purpose; " that whereas their " proposition concerning the militia required a " far larger power over the persons and estates of " his subjects, than had been ever hitherto war- " ranted by the laws and statutes of the kingdom, " yet in regard the present distractions might re- " quire more, and trusting in his two houses of

" parliament, that they would make no farther use " of the power therein mentioned, after the present " distempers should be settled, than should be " agreeable to the legal exercise thereof in times " past, and for the purposes particularly mentioned " in their proposition, and to give satisfaction to " his two houses of parliament that he intends a " full security to them, and to express his real " desires to settle the peace of the kingdom, his " majesty doth consent to the proposition con- " cerning the militia as it was desired." This the commissioners did by no means like, nor would acquiesce in, and alleged, " that as the concession " must be the subject of an act of parliament, so " this preamble must be a part of it, and would " administer occasion of difference and dispute " upon the interpretation of it; which being so " clearly foreseen, ought not to be admitted in any " act of parliament, much less in such a one as is " to be the principal foundation of a lasting peace " of the kingdom." After much vexation of this kind, and importunity of friends, as well as of enemies, and being almost as weary of denying as of granting, he suffered the preamble to be left out, and his consent to be delivered without it.

It may be well wondered at, that, after having so far complied with these three propositions, there should be any pause or hesitation in the debate of the rest. For in that concerning the church, and the other concerning the militia, both the church and the militia of Ireland (though a kingdom distinct, and never subject to the parliament of England, but to the king alone) followed the fate of England, and were in effect comprehended in

the same propositions: so that there remained nothing more with reference to that kingdom, "but declaring the peace that was made there "with the Irish, to be void;" which they pressed with the same passion, as if they had obtained nothing; although his majesty referred the carrying on the war to them, and told them, "that he "knew nothing of the peace, which had been "made during his imprisonment, when he could "receive no advertisement of what was doing, or "done; and therefore he was content that it "should be broken, and the war be carried on in "such a manner as should please them;" which was all one to their ends and purposes, as what they desired. But this did by no means please them. If the peace were not declared to be actually void, they could not so easily take that vengeance of the marquis of Ormond as they resolved to do. Yet after all these general concessions, which so much concerned himself, and the public, and when the necessity that had obliged him to that unwilling compliance, might well have excused him for satisfying them in all the rest of their demands, when they pressed his consent to what only concerned private and particular persons, as the revoking all honours and grants of offices which he had conferred upon those who had served him faithfully, and to except many of them from pardon, and leave them to the unmerciful censure of the two houses, both for their lives and fortunes; to submit others to pay, for their delinquency in obeying and serving him, a full moiety of all they were worth; to deprive others of their practice in their several professions and functions,

(which exposed all the lawyers and divines, who had been faithful to him, to utter ruin,) it cannot be expressed with what grief and trouble of mind he received those importunities; and, without doubt, he would at that time with much more willingness have died, than submitted to it; but the argument, "that he had done so much," was now pressed upon him, (by his friends, and those who were to receive as much prejudice as any by his doing it,) "that he should do more; and since he had con-"descended to many things which gave himself no "satisfaction, he would give so full satisfaction to "the parliament, that he might receive that bene-"fit, and the kingdom that peace and security "he desired."

Many advertisements came from his friends in London, and from other places, "that it was high "time that the treaty were at an end, and that the "parliament had all his majesty's answers before "them, to determine what they would do upon "them, before the army drew nearer London, "which, infallibly, it would shortly do, as soon as "those in the north had finished their work, and "Fairfax had reduced Ragland castle, which could "not hold out much longer, and which was his "last work to do." It was now near the end of October, and the appointed time for the conclusion of the treaty was the fourth of November; and so after all importunities, as well of those who were to suffer, as of those who were to triumph in their sufferings, his majesty's consent was procured to most that was demanded in the rest of the propositions; the king, and all men, conceiving the treaty to be at an end.

The king had, about the middle of October, again delivered his own proposition for his liberty, his revenue, and an act of oblivion, to the commissioners; which they received. And though, at the beginning of the treaty, they had refused to transmit it to the houses, yet now, after so many concessions, they thought fit to send it; and did so as soon as they received it. But no answer was returned. Hereupon, when the treaty was within two days of expiring, his majesty demanded of them, "whether they had received any in-"structions to treat upon, or to give an answer "to his own proposition, which he had delivered "to them so long since? or whether they had "received any order to prolong the treaty?" To which they answered, "they had not as to either." And when he asked them the same question, the very last hour of the limited time, they made the same answer. So that the whole forty days assigned for the treaty were expired, before they vouchsafed to return any answer to the single proposition the king had made to them. However they told him, "they had received new command "to make fresh instance to his majesty, that he "would forthwith publish a declaration against the "marquis of Ormond; who had very lately de-"clared, that he had authority to make a peace "with the Irish rebels; and was then treating "with them to that purpose." To which his majesty answered, "that it was not reasonable to "press him to publish any declaration against the "marquis; since that if the treaty should end "happily, the desires of the two houses were satis-"fied by the concessions he had already made;"

and so adhered to his first answer. And conceiving the treaty to be closed, he desired the commissioners, "that since he had departed from "so much of his own right to give his two houses "satisfaction, they would be a means that he "might be pressed no farther; since the few "things he had not satisfied them in had so near "relation to his conscience, that, with the peace of "that, he could not yield farther; and desired "them to use the same eloquence and abilities, by "which they had prevailed with him, in repre-"senting to the two houses the sad condition of "the kingdom, if it were not preserved by this "treaty." And so concluded with many gracious expressions for their personal civilities, and other kind expressions; which made impression upon all of them who had any bowels.

All this being past, and the king believing and expecting that the commissioners would take their leave of him the next morning, they came the same night to inform him, "that they had then received "new orders and instructions for the continuing "and enlarging the treaty for fourteen days longer;" for which his majesty was nothing glad; nor did they in the houses who wished well to him desire that prolongation. For it was easily discerned, that it was moved and prosecuted only by them who did not intend that the treaty itself should have any good effect; which they were not yet ready and prepared enough to prevent, the army not having yet finished what they were to do in all places; and was consented to unskilfully, by those who thought the continuance of the treaty was the best sign that both sides desired peace: and it

quickly appeared, by the new instances they made, that delay was their only business. The commissioners, with new importunity and bitterness, begun upon their new instructions, "that the king would "immediately publish the declaration against the "marquis of Ormond," without any other reasons than those which he had answered before. His majesty answered, "there was no other difference "between them but in point of time, whether pre-"sently, or at the conclusion of the peace: upon "the peace, they had the substance of their desire "already granted; and if there were no peace, "they had reason to believe that no declaration "he should make would be believed or obeyed;" and so adhered to what he had answered formerly.

Then they declared, "that the parliament was "not satisfied with his concessions with reference "to the church; that the presbyterian govern-"ment could be exercised with little profit, or "comfort, if it should appear to be so short-"lived as to continue but for three years; and "that they must therefore press the utter extir-"pating the function of bishops." Then, the perfect and entire alienation of their lands was insisted on; whereas by the king's concessions the old rent was still reserved to them. They said, "the parliament did not intend to force, but only "to rectify his conscience;" and, to that end, they added more reasons to convince him in the several points. They repeated their old distinction between the scripture-bishop, and the bishop by law. For the absolute alienation of their lands, they urged many precedents of what had been done in former times upon convenience, or necessity, not so visible

and manifest as appeared at present; and concluded with their usual threat, "that the conse-
"quence of his denial would be the continuance of
"the public disturbances."

To all which his majesty answered, "that, for
"the presbyterian government, they might re-
"member that their own first order for the settling
"it was only for three years; which they then
"thought a competent time for a probationary
"law, that contained such an alteration in the
"state; and therefore they ought to think the
"same now: and that it might be longer lived
"than three years, if it would in that time bear
"the test and examination of it; and that nothing
"could be a greater honour to that discipline,
"than its being able to bear that test and ex-
"amination." He said, "he was well pleased
"with their expression, that they did not intend to
"force his conscience; yet the manner of pressing
"him looked very like it, after he had so solemnly
"declared that it was against his conscience; that
"he did concur with them in their distinction of
"bishops, and if they would preserve the scripture-
"bishop, he would take away the bishop by law."
He confessed, "that necessity might justify or ex-
"cuse many things, but it could never warrant
"him to deprive the church of God of an order
"instituted for continual use, and for establishing
"a succession of lawful ministers in the church."
For the point of sacrilege, he said, "the concur-
"rent opinion of all divines was a much better
"information to his conscience, what is sacrilege,
"than any precedents or law of the land could
"be." Upon the whole matter, he adhered to his

former answer in all the particulars, and concluded, "that he could with more comfort cast himself "upon God's goodness to support him in, and de- "fend him from, all afflictions, how great soever, "that might befall him, than deprive himself of "the inward tranquillity of his mind, for any poli- "tic consideration that might seem to be a means "to restore him."

It must not be forgotten, that the last day, when the treaty was to end, they delivered to the king the votes which the two houses had passed concerning and upon his own message, (which had lain so long in their hands unanswered,) which were in effect, 1. "That from and after such time "as the agreements upon this treaty should be "ratified by acts of parliament, all his houses, "manors, and lands, with the growing rents and "profits thereof, and all other legal revenue of the "crown should be restored to him, liable to the "maintenance of those ancient forts, and castles, "and such other legal charges as they were "formerly charged withal, or liable to. 2. That "he should be then likewise resettled in a con- "dition of honour, freedom, and safety, agreeable "to the laws of the land. 3. That an act of in- "demnity should be then passed with such ex- "ceptions and limitations as should be agreed "upon, with this addition, that it should be de- "clared by act of parliament, that nothing con- "tained in his majesty's propositions should be "understood or made use of to abrogate, weaken, "or in any degree to impair any agreement in "this treaty, or any law, grant, or commission "agreed upon by his majesty and the two houses

"of parliament, in pursuance thereof;" in all which his majesty acquiesced.

The time limited for the prolongation of the treaty was to end upon the one and twentieth of November, and the commissioners believed it so absolutely concluded, that they took their leave of the king, and early the next morning went to Cowes harbour to embark themselves. But the tide not serving to transport them out of the island, that night a messenger arrived with directions to them to continue the treaty till the five and twentieth; which was four days more. So, the three and twentieth, they returned and acquainted his majesty with it.

At the same time, the thundering declaration of the army was published; which declared their full resolution "to change the whole frame of the go-"vernment, and that they would be contented "with no less an alteration;" which, as it was an argument to the king to endeavour all he could to unite the two houses, that they might be able to bear that shock, so it was expected that it would have been no less an argument to have prevailed with them to adhere to the king, since their interest was no less threatened than his.

The fresh instances the commissioners made were upon several votes which had passed the two houses against delinquents; and a new proposition concerning those who had engaged themselves against the parliament since the last January, and particularly against the marquis of Ormond. They proposed, "that there should be seven persons, the "lord Newcastle, and six others," (who were named,) "who should be excepted from pardon,

" and their estates forfeited: that the delinquents, " in the several classes mentioned in their pro- " position, should pay for their composition; some a " moiety, others a third part of their estates, and " other rates, as they were set down; and that all " who had been engaged in the land or sea service " since January 1647, should pay a full year's " value of their whole estates more than the other " delinquents; and that none who had been against " the parliament should presume to come within " either of the courts belonging to the king, queen, " or prince, or be capable of any office or prefer- " ment, or of serving in parliament, for the space " of three years; and that all clergymen who had " been against the parliament should be deprived " of all their preferments, places, and promotions; " which should be all void as if they were naturally " dead." To these the king answered, that, " to " the excepting the seven persons named from " pardon, and the forfeiture of their estates, his " answer was, that, if they were proceeded against " according to the ancient established laws, and " could not justify and defend themselves, he would " not interpose on their behalf; but he could not, " in justice or honour, join himself in any act for " taking away the life or estate of any that had " adhered to him. For the rates which were to " be paid for composition, he referred it to the two " houses of parliament, and to the persons them- " selves, who would be contented to pay it; and " he did hope and desire, that they might be mo- " derately dealt with." And for the clergymen, whose preferments he well knew were already dis- posed of, and in the hands of another kind of

clergy, who had deserved so well of the parliament, that it would not be in his power to dispossess them, his majesty desired, "that they "might be allowed a third part of what was taken "from them, till such time that they, or the pre-"sent incumbents, should be better provided for." As to the marquis of Ormond, against whom they pressed what they had before done with extraordinary animosity, the king answered, "that "since what he had said before" (and which would bring all to pass that they desired) "did not give "them satisfaction, he had written a letter," (which he delivered to them, to be sent, and read to them,) "in which he directed him to desist; "and said, if he refused to submit to his com-"mand, he would then publish such a declaration "against his power and his proceedings, as they "desired."

And now the second limitation of time for the treaty was at an end. But that night came another vote; which continued it for a day longer, with a command to the commissioners to return on Tuesday morning; which was the eight and twentieth of November: and thereupon they presented two propositions to his majesty, which were to be despatched that day.

The two propositions they sent for one day's work were, the first, concerning Scotland; the other, concerning the church; which they did not think they had yet destroyed enough. For Scotland, they demanded "the king's consent, to con-"firm by act of parliament such agreements as "should be made by both houses with that king-"dom, in the security of such thereof who had

" assisted or adhered to those of the parliament of " England, and for the settling and preserving a " happy and durable peace between the two na- " tions, and for the mutual defence of each other." The king put them in mind, " that at the begin- " ning of the treaty they had informed him, that " their commission was only to treat concerning " England and Ireland; and that they had no " authority to meddle in any thing that related to " Scotland; and that they had thereupon refused " to receive a paper from him, which was to pre- " serve the interest of that kingdom; and de- " manded of them, whether their commission was " enlarged;" which they confessed "was not; and " that they had presented that paper only in obe- " dience to the order they had received." So that the king easily understood that the end was only that they might have occasion to publish, " that " the king had rejected whatsoever was tendered " to him on the behalf of the kingdom of Scot- " land." To prevent which, he answered, " that as " he would join in any agreement, to be confirmed " by act of parliament, for the settling and pre- " serving a happy and durable peace between the " two nations, and for their mutual defence of each " other under him as king of both; so he would " secure all who had been formerly engaged with " them: but for any new engagement, or con- " federacy, which they would make hereafter, he " would first know what it was, and be advised " with in the making it, before he would promise " to confirm it." The other business with refer- ence to the church gave him much more trouble. The commissioners pressed him " to consider the

" gence of time, and that there was not a whole " day left to determine the fate of the kingdom; " and that nothing could unite the counsels of " those who wished and desired peace, and to live " happily under his subjection and obedience, " against the bold attempts of the army, which " had enough declared and manifested what their " intention was, but satisfying the houses fully in " what they demanded in that particular." His own council, and the divines, besought him " to " consider the safety of his own person, even for " the church's and his people's sakes, who had " some hope still left whilst he should be pre- " served, which could not but be attended with " many blessings: whereas, if he were destroyed, " there was scarce a possibility to preserve them: " that the moral and unavoidable necessity that " lay upon him, obliged him to do any thing that " was not sin; and that, upon the most prudential " thoughts which occurred to them, the order " which he, with so much piety and zeal, endea- " voured to preserve, was much more like to be " destroyed by his not complying, than by his " suspending it till his majesty and his two houses " should agree upon a future government; which, " they said, much differed from an abolition of it."

Hereupon he gave them his final answer, " that " after such condescensions, and weighed reso- " lutions in the business of the church, he had " expected not to be farther pressed therein; it " being his judgment, and his conscience." He said, " he could not, as he was then informed, " abolish episcopacy out of the church; yet, be- " cause he apprehended how fatal new distractions

" might be to the kingdom, and that he believed " his two houses would yield to truth, if it were " made manifest to them, as he had always de- " clared that he would comply with their demands, " if he were convinced in his conscience, he did " therefore again desire a consultation with divines, " in the manner he had before proposed, and would " in the mean time suspend the episcopal power, as " well in point of ordination of ministers, as of " jurisdiction, till he and the two houses should " agree what government should be established for " the future. For bishops' lands, he could not " consent to the absolute alienation of them from " the church, but would consent that leases for " lives, or years, not exceeding ninety-nine, should " be made for the satisfaction of purchasers or con- " tractors:" little differing from the answer he had formerly given to this last particular: and in all the rest he adhered to his former answers. And the commissioners, having received this his final answer, took their leaves, and the next morning begun their journey towards London.

The king had begun a letter to the prince his son before the first forty days were expired, and continued it, as the treaty was lengthened, even to the hour it was concluded, and finished it the nine and twentieth of November, after the commissioners were departed, and with it sent a very exact copy of all the papers which had passed in the treaty, in the order in which they were passed, fairly engrossed by one of the clerks who attended. But the letter itself was all in his own hand, and contained above six sheets of paper; in which he made a very particular relation of all the motives and reasons

which had prevailed with him, or over him, to make those concessions; out of which most of this relation is extracted. And it is almost evident, that the major part of both houses of parliament was, at that time, so far from desiring the execution of all those concessions, that, if they had been able to have resisted the wild fury of the army, they would have been themselves suitors to have declined the greatest part of them. That which seemed to afflict him most, next what referred to the church and religion, and which, he said, "had "a large share in his conscientious considerations," was the hard measure his friends were subjected to; for whose interest he did verily believe he should better provide in the execution of the treaty, than he had been able to do in the preliminaries. For, he said, "he could not but think, that all who "were willing that he should continue their king, "and to live under his government, would be far "from desiring in the conclusion to leave so foul a "brand upon his party, of which they would all "desire to be accounted for the time to come. "However, he hoped that all his friends would "consider, not what he had submitted to, but how "much he had endeavoured to relieve them from;" and conjured the prince his son, "that the less he "had been able himself to do for them, the more, "if God blessed him, he should acknowledge and "supply." He said, "he would willingly forget "in how high degree some subjects had been dis-"loyal, but never had prince a testimony in others "of more loyalty than he had had; and however "that God, for their and his punishment, had not "blessed some of their endeavours, yet, he said

" more misguided persons were at last reduced to " their loyalty, than could in any story be ex- " ampled; and that, by that, subjects might learn " how dangerous the neglect of seasonable duty " is; and that men cannot easily fix when they " please what they have unnecessarily shaken." The conclusion of the letter, as it was dated the five and twentieth of November, (what was added to it after, till the nine and twentieth, was but the additional passages upon the enlargement of time,) deserves to be preserved in letters of gold, and gives the best character of that excellent prince; and was in these words.

" By what hath been said, you see how long we " have laboured in the search of peace: do not you " be disheartened to tread in the same steps. Use " all worthy ways to restore yourself to your right, " but prefer the way of peace; shew the greatness ' of your mind, if God bless you, (and let us ' comfort you with that which is our own comfort, " that though affliction may make us pass under " the censures of men, yet we look upon it so, as " if it procure not, by God's mercy, to us a de- " liverance, it will to you a blessing,) rather to " conquer your enemies by pardoning, than punish- " ing. If you saw how unmanly and unchristian " the implacable disposition is in our ill-willers, " you would avoid that spirit. Censure us not for " having parted with so much of our own right; " the price was great, but the commodity was " security to us, peace to our people: and we " were confident, another parliament would re- " member how useful a king's power is to a people's

" liberty; of how much thereof we divested our-
" self, that we and they might meet once again in
" a due parliamentary way, to agree the bounds of
" prince and people. And in this give belief to
" our experience, never to affect more greatness
" or prerogative, than that which is really and in-
" trinsically for the good of subjects, not the satis-
" faction of favourites. If you thus use it, you
" will never want means to be a father to all, and
" a bountiful prince to any you would be extraor-
" dinary gracious to. You may perceive all men
" intrust their treasure where it returns them in-
" terest; and if princes, like the sea, receive, and
" repay all the fresh streams the river intrusts
" with them, they will not grudge, but pride them-
" selves to make them up an ocean. These con-
" siderations may make you as great a prince, as
" your father is now a low one; and your state
" may be so much the more established, as mine
" hath been shaken. For our subjects have
" learned (we dare say) that victories over their
" princes are but triumphs over themselves; and
" so will be more unwilling to hearken to changes
" hereafter. The English nation are a sober
" people, however at present infatuated.

" We know not but this may be the last time
" we may speak to you, or the world, publicly: we
" are sensible into what hands we are fallen; and
" yet, we bless God, we have those inward refresh-
" ments the malice of our enemies cannot perturb.
" We have learned to busy ourself by retiring into
" ourself; and therefore can the better digest
" what befalls us; not doubting but God's provi-

" dence will restrain our enemies' power, and turn " their fierceness to his praise.

" To conclude, if God gives you success, use it " humbly and far from revenge. If he restore " you to your right upon hard conditions, whatever " you promise, keep. These men, who have forced " laws, which they were bound to preserve, will " find their triumphs full of troubles. Do not think " any thing in this world worth the obtaining by " foul and unjust means.

" You are the son of our love, and as we direct " you to weigh what we here recommend to you, " so we assure you, we do not more affectionately " pray for you, (to whom we are a natural parent,) " than we do, that the ancient glory and renown " of this nation be not buried in irreligion and " fanatic humour; and that all our subjects (to " whom we are a politic parent) may have such " sober thoughts, as to seek their peace in the " orthodox profession of the Christian religion, as " was established since the reformation in this " kingdom, and not in new revelations; and that " the ancient laws, with the interpretation accord- " ing to the known practice, may once again be " a hedge about them; that you may in due time " govern, and they be governed, as in the fear of " God; which is the prayer of

" Your very loving father, *C. R.*"

Newport, 25th Nov. 1648.

Whilst the treaty lasted, it was believed that his majesty might have made his escape; which most men who wished him well thought in all respects

ought to have been attempted; and he himself was inclined to it, thinking any liberty preferable to the restraint he had endured. But he did receive some discouragement from pursuing that purpose, which both diverted him from it, and gave him great trouble of mind. It cannot be imagined how wonderfully fearful some persons in France were that he should have made his escape, and the dread they had of his coming thither; which, without doubt, was not from want of tenderness of his safety, but from the apprehension they had, that the little respect they would have shewed him there, would have been a greater mortification to him than all that he could suffer by the closest imprisonment. And sure there was, at that time, no court in Christendom so honourably or generously constituted, that it would have been glad to have seen him; and it might be some reason that they who wished him very well did not wish his escape, because they believed imprisonment was the worst his worst enemies intended towards him; since they might that way more reasonably found and settle their republican government; which men could not so prudently propose to bring to pass by a murder; which, in the instant, gave the just title to another who was at liberty to claim his right, and to dispute it. Before the treaty, and after the votes and declarations of no more addresses, when his treatment was so barbarous, his majesty had proposed to himself to make an escape, and was very near the perfecting it. He had none about him but such persons who were placed by those who wished worst to his safety; and therefore chose such instruments as they thought

to be of their own principles. Amongst those there was a young man, one Osborne, by extraction a gentleman; who was recommended by the lord Wharton (one who deserved not to be suspected by Cromwell himself) to colonel Hammond, to be placed in some near attendance about the king; and he, from the recommendation, never doubting the fitness of the man, immediately appointed him to wait as gentleman usher; which gave him opportunity to be almost always in the presence of the king. This young man, after some months' attendance, was wrought upon by the dignity of the king's carriage, and the great affability he used towards those who were always about him, to have a tenderness and loyal sense of his sufferings; and did really desire to do him any service that might be acceptable. By his office of gentleman usher he usually held the king's gloves when he was at meat, and first took that opportunity to put a little billet, in which he expressed his devotion, into one of the fingers of his glove. The king was not forward or over credulous of the professions of a person he knew so little, and who, he knew, would not be suffered to be about him, if he were thought to have those inclinations. However, after longer observation, and sometimes speaking to him whilst he was walking amongst others in the garden allowed for that purpose, his majesty begun to believe that there was sincerity in him; and so frequently put some memorial into fingers of his glove, and by the same expedient received advertisement from him.

There was in the garrison one Rolph, a captain of a foot company, whom Cromwell placed there as

a prime confident, a fellow of a low extraction, and very ordinary parts; who, from a common soldier, had been trusted in all the intrigues of the army, and was one of the agitators inspired by Cromwell to put any thing into the soldiers' minds, upon whom he had a wonderful influence, and could not contain himself from speaking maliciously and wickedly against the king, when dissimulation was at the highest amongst the great officers. This man grew into great familiarity with Osborne, and knowing from what person he came recommended to that trust, could not doubt but that he was well inclined to any thing that might advance him; and so, according to his custom of reviling the king, he wished "he were out of the world; for they "should never make any settlement whilst he was "alive. He said, he was sure the army wished "him dead, and that Hammond had received many "letters from the army to take him away by poison, "or any other way; but he saw it would never be "done in that place; and therefore, if he would "join with him, they would get him from thence; "and then the work would easily be done." Osborne asked him, "how it could be possible to "remove him from thence, without Hammond's or "the king's own consent?" Rolph answered, "that the king might be decoyed from thence, as "he was from Hampton Court, by some letters "from his friends, of some danger that threatened "him, upon which he would be willing to make an "escape; and then he might easily be despatched." Osborne shortly found an opportunity to inform the king of all this.

The king bid him "continue his familiarity with

" Rolph, and to promise to join with him in con-
" triving how his majesty should make an escape;"
and he hoped thereby to make Rolph's villainy the
means of getting away. He recommended one of
the common soldiers to Osborne, " who, he said,
" he thought might be trusted;" and wished him
" to trust one Doucet;" whom the king had known
before, and who was then placed to wait upon him
at his back stairs, and was indeed an honest man;
for it was impossible for him to make an escape,
without the privity of such persons, who might
provide for him, when he was got out of the castle,
as well as help him from thence. Osborne told
Rolph, " he was confident he should in the end
" persuade the king to attempt an escape, though
" he yet seemed jealous and apprehensive of being
" discovered, and taken again." Doucet concurred
very willingly in it, and the soldier who was chosen
by the king proved likewise very honest, and
wrought upon one or two of his companions who
used to stand sentinels at the place where the king
intended to get out. All things were provided;
and the king had a file and saw; with which he
had, with wonderful trouble, sawed an iron bar in
the window, by which he could be able to get out;
and being in this readiness, the night was appointed,
and Osborne at the place where he was to receive
the king. But one of the soldiers informed Rolph
of all which Osborne had not done; by which he
concluded that he was false, and directed the soldier
to proceed, and stand sentinel in the same place to
which he had been assigned; and he, and some
others trusted by him, were armed, and stood very
near with their pistols. At midnight the king came

to the window, resolving to go out; but as he was putting himself out, he discerned more persons to stand thereabout than used to do, and thereupon suspected that there was some discovery made; and so shut the window, and retired to his bed. And this was all the ground of a discourse, which then flew abroad, as if the king had got half out at the window, and could neither draw his body after, nor get his head back, and so was compelled to call out for help; which was a mere fiction.

Rolph acquainted Hammond with what the king had designed; who presently went into his chamber, and found the king in his bed, but the bar of the window cut in two, and taken out; by which he concluded his information to be true; and presently seized upon Doucet, but could not apprehend Osborne; who was either fled out of the island, or concealed in it that he could not be found. Rolph could not forbear to insult upon Doucet in prison, and scornfully asked him, "why his king came not "forth when he was at the window?" and said, "he was ready with a good pistol charged to have "received him." When Osborne had got into a place of present safety, he writ a letter to his patron the lord Wharton, informing him of the whole matter; and desired him, "to acquaint the house "of peers of the design upon the king's life, and "that he would be ready to appear and justify the "conspiracy." The good lord, after he had kept the letter some time, sent it to Hammond, as the fittest person to examine the truth of the relation. Osborne was not discouraged with all this; but sent two letters to the speakers of both houses, and enclosed the letter he had formerly writ to the

lord Wharton. In the house of commons the information was slighted, and laid aside; but it made more impression upon the house of peers; who sent, with more than ordinary earnestness, to the commons, "that Rolph might be sent for, and a "safe-guard for forty days to Osborne to appear, "and prosecute."

Rolph brought with him a large testimonial from Hammond of his "integrity, and of the many good "services he had done to the state." Osborne appeared likewise at the lords' bar, and made good upon oath all that is before set down, and undertook to produce other evidence. The house of commons had no mind to have it examined farther; but the clamour of the people was so great, that, after many delays, they voted "that it should be "tried at the general assizes at Winchester." And thither they sent their well-tried sergeant Wild, to be the sole judge of that circuit: before whom the major part of the same jury that had found captain Burley guilty was impannelled for the trial of Rolph. Osborne, and Doucet, who upon bail had liberty to be there, appeared to make good the indictment; and, upon their oaths, declared all that Rolph had said to them, as is set down before. The prisoner, if he may be called a prisoner who was under no restraint, had two lawyers assigned to be of council with him, contrary to the law and custom in those cases: but he needed not to have had any council but the judge himself; who told the jury, "that it was a business of great import-"ance that was before them; and therefore that "they should take heed what they did in it: that "there was a time indeed when intentions and

" words were treason, but God forbid it should be " so now: how did any body know but that those " two men, Osborne and Doucet, would have made " away the king, and that Rolph charged his pistol " to preserve him? or, perhaps they would have " carried him away to have engaged them in a " second war." He told them, " they were mis- " taken who did believe the king in prison; the " parliament did only keep him safe to save the " shedding of more blood." Upon these good directions, the grand jury found an *ignoramus* upon the bill; and this was some months before the treaty.

When the commissioners, who had treated with the king at the Isle of Wight, were returned to the parliament, their report took up many days in the house of commons, where the resolution was first to be taken; which commonly was final, the lords rarely presuming to contradict what the others thought fit to determine. The question upon the whole was, " whether the answer that the king had " made to their propositions was satisfactory?" which was debated with all the virulence and acrimony towards each other, that can fall from men so possessed as both sides were.

Young sir Harry Vane had begun the debate with the highest insolence and provocation; telling them, " that they should that day know and dis- " cover, who were their friends, and who were " their foes; or, that he might speak more plainly, " who were the king's party in the house, and who " were for the people;" and so proceeded with his usual grave bitterness against the person of the king, and the government that had been too long

settled; put them in mind, "that they had been "diverted from their old settled resolution and "declaration, that they would make no more ad- "dresses to the king; after which the kingdom "had been governed in great peace, and begun to "taste the sweet of that republican government "which they intended and begun to establish, "when, by a combination between the city of Lon- "don and an ill affected party in Scotland, with "some small contemptible insurrections in England, "all which were fomented by the city, the houses "had, by clamour and noise, been induced and "compelled to reverse their former votes and reso- "lution, and enter into a personal treaty with the "king; with whom they had not been able to "prevail, notwithstanding the low condition he "was in, to give them any security; but he had "still reserved a power in himself, or at least to "his posterity, to exercise as tyrannical a govern- "ment as he had done: that all the insurrections, "which had so terrified them, were now totally "subdued; and the principal authors and abettors "of them in their custody, and ready to be brought "to justice, if they pleased to direct, and appoint "it: that their enemies in Scotland were reduced, "and that kingdom entirely devoted to a firm and "good correspondence with their brethren, the "parliament of England; so that there was nothing "wanting, but their own consent and resolution, "to make themselves the happiest nation and peo- "ple in the world; and to that purpose desired, "that they might, without any more loss of time, "return to their former resolution of making no "more addresses to the king; but proceed to the

" settling the government without him, and to the " severe punishment of those who had disturbed " their peace and quiet, in such an exemplary man- " ner, as might terrify all other men for the future " from making the like bold attempts: which, he " told them, they might see would be most grate- " ful to their army, which had merited so much " from them by the remonstrance they had so lately " published."

This discourse appeared to be exceedingly disliked, by that kind of murmur which usually shews how the house stands inclined, and by which men make their judgments there, of the success that is like to be. And his preface, and entrance into the debate, were taken notice of with equal sharpness; and, " his presumption in taking upon himself to " divide the house, and to censure their affections " to the public, as their sense and judgment should " agree, or disagree, with his own; and since he " had, without example, taken so much upon him, " he was not to take it ill, if the contrary was " assumed by other men; and that it was as law- " ful for another man, who said he was no gainer " by the troubles, to make another division of the " house, and to say, that they should find in the de- " bate of that day, that there were some who were " desirous of peace; and that they were all losers, " or, at least, no gainers by the war; and that " others were against peace; and that they by the " war had gained large revenues, and great sums " of money, and much wealth; and therefore his " motion was, that the gainers might contribute to " the losers, if they would not consent that the

" one might enjoy what was left, and the other " possess what they had got, by a peace that might " be happy for both."

Whilst this was debating in the house, which continued several days, six officers, from the head-quarters at Windsor, whither the army had been brought before, or at the time when the treaty ended at the Isle of Wight, brought their large remonstrance to the house; in which they desired, " that there might be no farther proceedings upon " the treaty; but that they would return to their " former determination of no farther addresses, and " make what haste they could in settling the go- " vernment: that the bargaining proposition on " the behalf of delinquents, which was only upon a " contract with the king, and not in any judicial " way, might be laid aside, and that public justice " might be done upon the principal actors in the " late troubles, and that others, upon a true sub- " mission, might find mercy: that a peremptory " day might be set, when the prince of Wales and " the duke of York should be required to appear; " which if they should not do, they should stand " exiled as traitors; and if they should appear, " yet they should be bound to make some satisfac- " tion: that an end might be put to this parlia- " ment, and a new representative chosen of the " people, for the governing and preserving the " whole body of the nation. That no king might " be hereafter admitted but upon election of the " people, and as upon trust for the people, who " should be likewise limited and restrained by the " representative;" with many other impracticable

particulars, which troubled the parliament the less for their incoherence, and impossibility to be reduced into practice.

But that which troubled most, and indeed which awakened them to the most dismal apprehensions, was, that they were advertised, that the king was taken away from Carisbrook castle by an officer of the army, and carried to Hurst castle, not far from the other, and in so vile and unwholesome an air, that the common guards there used to be frequently changed for the preservation of their health. Colonel Hammond had, before the expiration of the treaty, writ many letters to the parliament, to be discharged from that government, and from the care of the king's person; and the officers of the army seemed wonderfully offended with him for making the demand; and he got himself looked upon as under a cloud. But the treaty was no sooner ended, (and before the commissioners begun their report to the houses,) but he was discharged of the government, and another colonel sent to take the person of the king, and to carry him to Hurst castle.

This news being brought when they were in the heat of the debate upon the king's answer, they gave over that contest, and immediately voted, "that the seizing upon the king's person, and carrying him prisoner to Hurst castle, was without "their advice and consent:" which vote had no contradiction, because no man would own the advice. Then they caused a letter to be written to the general, "that the orders and instructions to "colonel Ewre" (the officer who had seized the king) "were contrary to their resolutions, and in-

" structions to colonel Hammond; and therefore, " that it was the pleasure of the house, that he " should recall those orders; and that colonel Ham- " mond should again resume the government of " the Isle of Wight." But the general, without taking any notice of their complaint, or of their command, demanded the payment of the arrears due to the army; and told them, " that, unless " there were present money sent to that purpose, " he should be forced to remove the army, and to " draw them nearer to London." And at the same time a new declaration was sent to the house from the army, in pursuance of their late remonstrance; which the house refused to take into consideration; and some sturdy members moved, " that " the army might be declared traitors, if they pre- " sumed to march nearer London than they were " at present; and that an impeachment of high " treason might be drawn up against the principal " officers of it." Hereupon, the general marches directly for London, and quarters at Whitehall; the other officers, with their troops, in Durham House, the Mews, Covent Garden, Westminster, and St. James's; and for the present necessity, that no inconvenience might fall out, they sent to the city without delay to supply forty thousand pounds, to be immediately issued out to satisfy the army. Notwithstanding all which monstrous proceeding, the house of commons retained its courage, and were resolute " to assert the treaty; and that " the king's answers were satisfactory; or if they " were not fully satisfactory, that the house might " and ought to accept thereof, and proceed to the " settlement of peace in church and state, rather

" than to reject them as unsatisfactory, and thereby " continue the kingdom in war and distraction."

They who vehemently pressed this conclusion, and would be thought to be for the king, to make themselves popular, took upon them to make all the invectives both against the king, and all the time of his government, that his bitterest enemies could do, only that they might shew how much the concessions he had now granted had provided remedies for all those evils, and made all the foundation of their future hope of happiness and peace to be in the no-power they had left him in: so that if he should have a mind to continue the distractions to-morrow, he would find nobody ready ever to join with him, having at this time sacrificed all his friends to the mercy of their mortal enemies. In conclusion, and when they had prosecuted the debate most part of the night, till almost five of the clock in the morning, on Monday night, they had first put the question, " whether the question " should be put?" and carried it by a hundred and forty voices against one hundred and four: the main question, " That the answer of the king " to the propositions of both houses was a ground " for the houses to proceed upon for the settlement " of the peace of the kingdom," was so clearly voted, that the house was not divided; and, that there might be no afterclaps, they appointed a committee " to confer with the general, for the " better procuring a good intelligence and corre- " spondence between the army and the parlia- " ment;" and then they adjourned the house to Wednesday morning, it being then near the morning of Tuesday.

The committee that was appointed to confer with the general waited that afternoon upon him in his lodging at Whitehall, that they might be able to give some account to the house the next morning. But they were forced to attend full three hours, before they could be admitted to his presence; and then he told them sullenly and superciliously, "that the way to correspond with "the army, was to comply with their remon-"strance:" and the next morning there was a guard of musketeers placed at the entry into the door of the house, and the officers thereof having a list in their hands of the names of those who should be restrained from going into the house, all those were stopped, one by one, as they came, and sent into the court of wards, where they were kept together for many hours, under a guard, to the number of near one hundred. Notwithstanding which, there were so many of the same opinion got into the house, through the inadvertency of the guard, or because they meant only to sequester the most notorious and refractory persons, that the debate, upon resuming the same question, continued very long; several members who observed the force at the entrance of the house, and saw their companions not suffered to come in, complained loudly of the violence and breach of privilege, and demanded remedy; but in vain; the house would take no notice of it. In the conclusion, after a very long debate, the major part of those who were present in the house voted the negative to what had been settled in the former debate, and "that the answer the king had given "to their propositions was not satisfactory."

Those gentlemen who for some hours had been restrained in the court of wards were afterwards led in triumph through Westminster-hall, (except some few, who were suffered for affection, or by negligence, to go away,) by a strong guard, to that place under the exchequer which is commonly called Hell; where they might eat and drink, at their own charge, what they pleased. And here they were kept in one room, till after twelve of the clock in the night: after which hour, in respect of the extreme cold weather, and the age of many of the members, they were carried to several inns; where they were suffered to lodge as prisoners, and remained under that confinement for two or three days. In which time, they published a protestation in print against the proceedings of the house of commons, declaring "the force and violence that "had been used against them:" and then the house, with the remaining members, having determined what they thought fit, the other were at liberty to do what they pleased. Nobody owned this act of violence in the exclusion of so many members: there was no order made for it by the house. Fairfax the general knew nothing of it, and the guards themselves being asked "what "authority they had," gave no other answer "but "that they had orders." But afterwards there was a full and clear order of the house, without taking notice of any exclusion, "that none of "them who had not been present that day when "the negative vote prevailed should sit any more "in the house, before they had first subscribed the "same vote, as agreeable to their judgments; "which if they subscribed, they were as well

"qualified members as before." Many of these excluded members, out of conscience or indignation, forbore coming any more to the house for many years; some, not before the revolution; others, sooner or later, returned to their old seats, that they might not be idle when so much business was to be done.

Then they renewed their old votes of no more addresses, and annulled and made void all those which introduced the treaty: and, that they might find no more such contradiction hereafter, they committed to several prisons major general Brown, (though he was then sheriff of London,) sir John Clotworthy, sir William Waller, major general Massey, and commissary general Copley, who were the most active members in the house of the presbyterian party, and who had all as maliciously advanced the service of the parliament in their several stations against the king as any men of their rank in the kingdom, and much more than any officer of the present army had then credit to do: of these, Massey made his escape, and transported himself into Holland; and there, according to the natural modesty of that sect, presented himself to the prince, with as much confidence (and as a sufferer for the king his father) as if he had defended Colchester.

The protestation that the secluded members had published and caused to be printed, with the narrative of the violence that had been exercised upon them, and their declaring all acts to be void which from that time had been done in the house of commons, made a great noise over the kingdom, and no less incensed those who remained and sat

in the house, than it did the officers of the army; and therefore, to lessen the credit of it, the house likewise made a declaration against that protestation; and declared it "to be false, scandalous, "and seditious, and tending to the destruction of "the visible and fundamental government of the "kingdom;" and to this wonderful declaration they obtained the concurrence of the small house of peers, and jointly ordained, "that that pro-"testation should be suppressed, and that no man "should presume to sell, or buy, or to read the "same."

When they had in this manner mastered all contradiction and opposition, they begun more directly to consult what they were to do, as well as what they were not to do, and to establish some affirmative conclusions, as they had done negatives. They were told, "that it was high time to settle "some form of government, under which the "nation was to live: there had been much trea-"sure and blood spent to recover the liberty of "the people, which would be to no purpose if "there were not provision made for their secure "enjoying it; and there would be always the same "attempts made, which had been of late, to dis-"turb and to destroy the public peace, if there "were not such exemplary penalties inflicted, as "might terrify all men, of what condition soever, "from entering upon such desperate undertakings." They resolved to gratify the army, by taking a view of a paper formerly digested by them as a model for a new government, which was called *the agreement of the people*, and for contriving and publishing whereof, one of the agitators had been,

by Cromwell's directions, the year before, shot to death, when he found the parliament was so much offended with it. They declared now, as the most popular thing they could do to please both the people and the army, "that they would put an end "to the parliament on the last day of April next; "and that there should be a representative of the "nation, consisting of three hundred persons "chosen by the people; of which, for the term of "seven years, no person who had adhered to the "king, or who should oppose this agreement, or "not subscribe thereunto, should be capable of "being chosen to be one, or to have a voice in the "election; and that, before that time, and before "the dissolution of the present parliament, it "would be necessary to bring those signal delin-"quents, who had lately disturbed the quiet and "peace of the kingdom, and put it to so great an "expense of blood and treasure, to exemplary "punishment." And it was with great impudence very vehemently urged, "that they ought to begin "with him who had been the cause of all the "miseries, and mischiefs, which had befallen the "kingdom, and whom they had already divested of "all power and authority to govern them for the "future; and they had already had near two years' "experience, that the nation might be very happily "governed without any recourse to him: that "they had already declared, and the house of "peers had concurred with them, that the king "had been the cause of all the blood which had "been spilt; and therefore, that it was fit that "such a man of blood should be brought to "justice, that he might undergo the penalty that

" was due to his tyranny and murders: that the " people expected this at their hands; and that " having the principal malefactor in their power, " he might not escape the punishment that was " due to him."

How new and monstrous soever this language and discourse was to all English ears, they found a major part still to concur with them: so that they appointed a committee for the present "to prepare " a charge of high treason against the king, which " should contain the several crimes and misde- " meanours of his reign; which being made ready, " they would consider of the best way and manner " of proceeding, that he might be brought to " justice."

This manner of proceeding in England was so unheard of, that it was very hard for any body to propose any way to oppose it that might carry with it any hope of success. However, the pain the prince was in would not suffer him to rest without making some effort. He knew too well how far the States of Holland were from wishing that success and honour to the crown of England, as it had deserved from them, and how much they had always favoured the rebellion; that his own presence was in no degree acceptable or grateful to them; and that they were devising all ways how they might be rid of him: yet he believed the way they were now upon in England would be so universally odious to all Christians, that no body of men would appear to favour it. His highness therefore sent to the States General, to desire them " to give him an audience the next day; and that " he would come to the place where they sat;"

which he did, being met by the whole body at the bottom of the stairs, and conducted into the room where they sat.

The prince was attended by four or five of his council; and when he had said a little to the States of compliment, he referred them to a paper which sir William Boswell, the king's resident there, was to deliver to them. The paper described shortly the ill condition the king his father was in; and the threats and menaces which his enemies used to proceed against him in such a manner as must be abominated by all Christians, and which would bring the greatest reproach and obloquy upon the protestant religion, that ever Christianity had undergone: and therefore desired them, "that they "would interpose their credit, and authority, in "such a manner as they thought fit, with the two "houses at Westminster, that, instead of such an "unlawful and wicked prosecution, they would "enter into terms of accommodation with his royal "father; for the observation whereof his royal "highness would become bound."

The States assured his highness, "that they "were very much afflicted at the condition of the "king, and would be glad any interposition of "theirs might be able to relieve him; that they "would seriously consider in what manner they "might serve him." And, that day, they resolved to send an extraordinary ambassador into England, who should repair to the prince of Wales, and receive his instructions to what friends of the king's he should resort, and consult with; who, being upon the place, might best inform him to whom to apply himself. And they made choice of

Paw, the pensioner of Holland, for their ambassador; who immediately attended the prince with the offer of his service, and many professions of his desire that his journey might produce some good effect.

The council that was about the prince had looked upon Paw as a man that had always favoured the rebellion in England, and as much obstructed all civilities from the States towards the king, as was possible for him to do; and therefore they were very sorry that he was made choice of for ambassador in such a fatal conjuncture. But the prince of Orange assured the prince, "that he had used "all his credit to compass that election; that he "was the wisest man of their body; and that "neither he, nor any of the rest, who had che-"rished the English rebellion more than he, ever "desired it should prosper to that degree it had "done, as to endanger the changing the govern-"ment;" and therefore wished "there might not "appear any distrust of him, but that the prince "would treat him with confidence, and some of "the council would confer with him with freedom, "upon any particulars which it would be necessary "for him to be instructed in." But the wisdom of angels was not sufficient to give any effectual advice for such a negociation, since the States could not be brought so much to interest themselves, as to use any menaces to the parliament as if they would embark themselves in the quarrel. So that the council could only wish, "that the ambassador "would confer with such of the king's friends who "were then at London, and whose relation had "been most eminent towards his majesty; and

" receive advice from them, how he might most " hopefully prevail over particular men, and there- " by with the parliament." And so the ambas- sador departed for England, within less than a week after he was nominated for the employment.

At the same time, the queen of England, being struck to the heart with amazement and confusion upon the report of what the parliament intended, sent a paper to the agent who was employed there by the cardinal to keep a good correspondence; which she obliged him to deliver to the parliament. The paper contained a very passionate lamentation of the sad condition the king her husband was in; desiring " that they would grant her a pass to " come over to him, offering to use all the credit " she had with him, that he might give them satis- " faction. However, if they would not give her " leave to perform any of those offices towards the " public, that she might be permitted to perform " the duty she owed him, and to be near him in " the uttermost extremity." Neither of these ad- dresses did more than express the zeal of those who procured them to be made: the ambassador Paw could neither get leave to see the king, (which he was to endeavour to do, that he might from himself be instructed best what to do,) nor be admitted to an audience by the parliament, till after the tragedy was acted: and the queen's paper was delivered, and never considered in order to return any answer to it.

When the committee had prepared such a charge, which they called " an impeachment of high trea- " son against Charles Stewart, king of England," digested into several articles, which contained all

those calumnies they had formerly digested into that declaration of no more addresses to be made to him, with some additional reproaches, it was read in the house; and, after it was approved there, they sent it to the house of peers for their concurrence. That house had very little to do from the time that Cromwell returned from Scotland, and were few in number, and used to adjourn for two or three days together for want of business; so that it was believed, that they who had done so many mad things, rather than they would dissent from the house of commons, would likewise concur with them in this, rather than sever from them when they were so triumphant. But, contrary to this expectation, when this impeachment was brought up to the peers, it was so ill received, that there was not one person who concurred with them; which, considering the men and what most of them had done, might seem very strange. And when they had, with some warmth, rejected it, they adjourned for a week; presuming they should thereby at least give some interruption to that career which the house of commons was upon, and, in that time, some expedient might be found to reconcile the proceedings in both houses. But they were as much deceived in this; the house of commons was very well pleased with it, and thought they had given them ease, which they could not so well have contrived for themselves. So they proceeded in their own method, and when the day came to which the lords had adjourned their house, they found their doors all locked, and fastened with padlocks, that there should then be no more entrance for them; nor did any of them ever after

sit in that house as peers [above twice or thrice at most], till Cromwell, long after, endeavoured in vain to have erected a house of peers of his own creation; in which some of them then very willingly took their places.

The charge and accusation, upon which they resolved to proceed against the king, being thus settled and agreed upon, they begun to consider in what manner and form to proceed, that there might be some appearance of justice. Nothing could be found in the common or statute law, which could direct or warrant them; nor could the precedent of deposing Richard the Second (the sole precedent of that kind) be applied to their purpose: for, how foul soever the circumstances precedent had been, he had made a resignation of his royalty before the lords in parliament; so that his deposition proceeded from himself, and with his own consent, and would not agree in any particular with the case in question. So that they must make a new form to warrant their proceedings: and a new form they did erect, never before heard of. They constituted and erected a court that should be called "*the high court of justice*, to consist of so many "judges, who should have authority to try the "king, whether he were guilty of what he was "accused of, or no; and, in order thereunto, to "examine such witnesses as should be produced:" the number of the judges to be eight and forty, whereof the major part might proceed.

They could not have found such a number yet amongst themselves, after so many barbarities and impieties, upon whom they might depend in this last tragical act. And therefore they laid this for

a ground; that if they should make only their own members to be judges in this case, they might appear in the eyes of the people to be too much parties, as having from the beginning maintained a war, though defensive, as they pretended, against the king, and so not so fit to be the only judges who were in the fault: on the other hand, if they should name none of themselves, it might be interpreted that they looked upon it as too dangerous a province to engage themselves in, and therefore they had put it off to others; which would discourage others from undertaking it. Wherefore they resolved, that the judges should be nominated promiscuously, as well of members of the house, as of such other of their good and godly men in the kingdom, as they should think fit to nominate. Whosoever would not be one himself when named, as there were yet many amongst them, who, out of conscience, or of fear, utterly protested against it, should take upon him to name another man; which sure he could not but think was equally unlawful: so that few took upon them to nominate others, who would reject the province themselves.

All the chief officers of the army were named, and divers accepted the office; and such aldermen and citizens of London, as had been most violent against peace, and some few country gentlemen, whose zeal had been taken notice of for the cause, and who were like to take such a preferment as a testimony of the parliament's confidence in them, and would thereupon embrace it. When such a number of men were nominated as were thought in all respects to be equal to the work, they were to make choice of a speaker, or prolocutor, who should

be called lord president of that high court, who must manage and govern all the proceedings there, ask the witnesses all proper questions, and answer what the prisoner should propose. And to that office one Bradshaw was chosen, a lawyer of Gray's inn, not much known in Westminster-hall, though of good practice in his chamber, and much employed by the factious and discontented persons. He was a gentleman of an ancient family in Cheshire and Lancashire, but of a fortune of his own making. He was not without parts, and of great insolence and ambition. When he was first nominated, he seemed much surprised, and very resolute to refuse it; which he did in such a manner, and so much enlarging upon his own want of abilities to undergo so important a charge, that it was very evident he had expected to be put to that apology. And when he was pressed with more importunity than could have been used by chance, he required "time to "consider of it;" and said, "he would then give "his final answer;" which he did the next day; and with great humility accepted the office, which he administered with all the pride, impudence, and superciliousness imaginable. He was presently invested in great state, and many officers and a guard assigned for the security of his person, and the dean's house at Westminster given to him for ever for his residence and habitation, and a good sum of money, about five thousand pounds, was appointed to be presently paid to him, to put himself in such an equipage and way of living, as the dignity of the office which he held would require. And now, the lord president of the high court of justice seemed to be the greatest magistrate in

England. And though it was not thought seasonable to make any such declaration, yet some of those whose opinions grew quickly into ordinances, upon several occasions, declared, "that they believed that office was not to be looked upon as "necessary *pro hac vice* only, but for continuance; "and that he who executed it deserved to have an "ample and a liberal estate conferred upon him for "ever:" which sudden mutation and exaltation of fortune could not but make a great impression upon a vulgar spirit, accustomed to no excesses, and acquainted only with a very moderate fortune. All this being done, they made choice of some lawyers (eminent for nothing but their obscurity, and that they were men scarce known) to perform the offices of attorney general, and solicitor general for the state, to prosecute the prisoner at his trial, and to manage the evidence against him. Other officers, of all kinds, were appointed to attend, and perform the several offices of their new court; which was ordered to be erected in Westminster-hall, for which such architects were appointed as were thought fit to give direction therein.

The king was now sent for from Hurst castle, and when he came out of the boat which transported him from thence he was received by colonel Harrison with a strong party of horse; by whom he was to be conducted to Windsor castle. Harrison was the son of a butcher near Nantwich in Cheshire, and had been bred up in the place of a clerk under a lawyer of good account in those parts; which kind of education introduces men into the language and practice of business, and, if it be not resisted by the great ingenuity of the

person, imbues young men with more pride than any other kind of breeding; and disposes them to be pragmatical and insolent, though they have the skill to conceal it from their masters, except they find them (as they are too often) inclined to cherish it. When the rebellion first began, this man quitted his master, (who had relation to the king's service, and discharged his duty faithfully,) and put himself into the parliament army; where, having first obtained the office of a cornet, he got up, by diligence and sobriety, to the state of a captain, without any signal notice taken of him till the new model of the army; when Cromwell, who, possibly, had knowledge of him before, found him of a spirit and disposition fit for his service, much given to prayer and to preaching, and, otherwise, of an understanding capable to be trusted in any business; to which his clerkship contributed very much: and then he was preferred very fast; so that, by the time the king was brought to the army, he had been a colonel of horse, and looked upon as inferior to few, after Cromwell and Ireton, in the council of officers and in the government of the agitators; and there were few men with whom Cromwell more communicated, or upon whom he more depended for the conduct of any thing committed to him. He received the king with outward respect, kept himself bare; but attended him with great strictness; and was not to be approached by any address; answering questions in short and few words, and, when importuned, with rudeness. He manifested an apprehension that the king had some thought of making an escape, and did all things in order to prevent it. Being to lodge at Windsor, and so to

pass by Bagshot, the king expressed a desire to see his little park at Bagshot, and so to dine at the lodge there, a place where he had used to take much pleasure; and did not dissemble the knowing that the lord Newburgh, who had lately married the lady Aubigney, lived there; and said, "he "would send a servant to let that lady know that "he would dine with her, that she might provide "a dinner for him." Harrison well knew the affection of that lord and lady, and was very unwilling he should make any stay there; but finding the king so fixt upon it, that he would not be otherwise removed from it than by not suffering him to go thither, he chose to consent, and that his majesty should send a servant; which he did the night before he intended to dine there.

Both lord and lady were of known duty and affection to the king; the lady, after her husband the lord Aubigney had been killed at Edge-hill, having so far incensed the parliament, that she had endured a long imprisonment, under a suspicion or evidence that she had been privy to the design which had been discovered by Mr. Waller, upon which Tomkins and Challoner had been put to death, and had likewise herself been put to death, if she had not made her escape to Oxford. After the war was ended, she had, with the king's approbation, married the lord Newburgh; who had the same affections. They had, from the time of the king's being at Hampton Court, concerted with his majesty upon such means, that, in the strictest restraint he was under, they found a way to write to, and to hear from him. And most of the letters which passed between the king and the queen

passed through their hands; who had likewise a cipher with the king, by which they gave him notice of any thing they judged of importance for him to know. They had given him notice that he would be sent for from Hurst castle, and advised him "to find some way that he might dine at the "lodge at Bagshot; and that he should take occa- "sion, if he could, to lame the horse he rode upon, "or to find such fault with his going, that he might "take another horse out of the lord Newburgh's "stables to continue the rest of his journey upon." That lord much delighted in horses, and had, at that time, in his stables, the most notorious for fleetness that was in England; and the purpose was, to mount the king upon that horse, that, when he found a fit opportunity, he might, upon the sudden, set spurs to him; and, if he could get out of the company that encompassed him, he might, possibly, by the swiftness of his horse, and his own skill in the most obscure ways of that forest, convey himself to another place in their view; and so, three or four good horses were laid in several places. And this was the reason that the king had so earnestly insisted upon dining at Bagshot; which being in his way, and his custom being always to dine, they could not reasonably deny him that liberty.

Before the king came thither, Harrison had sent some horse with an officer to search the house, and all about the park, that he might be sure that no company lurked, which might make some attempt. And the king, all the morning, found fault with the going of his horse; and said, "he would change it, "and procure a better." When his majesty came

to the lodge, he found his dinner ready, but was quickly informed, " that the horse so much de-
" pended upon was, the day before, by the blow
" of another horse, so lamed, that he could not be
" of use to the purpose he was designed for." And though that lord had other good horses, which in such an exigent might be made use of, yet the king had observed so great difficulty to be in the attempt all his journey, when he was encompassed always in the middle of a hundred horse, the officers all exceedingly well horsed, and every man, officer and soldier, having a pistol ready spanned in one hand, that he resolved not to pursue that design. And Harrison had already told him, " that he had pro-
" vided a better horse for him:" and it was believed he would never have permitted him to have made use of one of the lord Newburgh's. So that after having spent three or four hours there with very much satisfaction to himself, though he was not suffered to be in any room without the company of six or seven soldiers, who suffered little to be spoken, except it was so loud that they could hear it too, he took a sad farewell of them, appearing to have little hope ever to see them again. The lord Newburgh rode some miles in the forest to wait upon the king, till he was required by Harrison to return. His majesty lodged that night at his castle of Windsor, and was soon after carried to St. James's. In this journey, Harrison observing that the king had always an apprehension that there was a purpose to murder him, and had once let fall some words of " the odiousness and wicked-
" ness of such an assassination and murder, which
" could never be safe to the person who undertook

" it;" he told him plainly, " that he needed not to " entertain any such imagination or apprehension; " that the parliament had too much honour and " justice to cherish so foul an intention;" and assured him, " that whatever the parliament re- " solved to do would be very public, and in a way " of justice; to which the world should be witness; " and would never endure a thought of secret vio- " lence:" which his majesty could not persuade himself to believe; nor did imagine that they durst ever produce him in the sight of the people, under any form whatsoever of a public trial.

It hath been acknowledged since by some officers, and others who were present at the consultations, that from the time of the king's being at Hampton Court, and after the army had mastered both the parliament and the city, and were weary of having the king with them, and knew not well how to be rid of him, there were many secret consults what to do with him. And it was generally concluded, " they should never be able to settle their new " form of government whilst he lived:" and after he was become a prisoner in the Isle of Wight, they were more solicitous for a resolution and determination in that particular: and after the vote of no more addresses, the most violent party thought " they could do nothing in order to their " own ends, till he should be first dead; and " therefore, one way or other, that was to be com- " passed in the first place." Some were for " an " actual deposing him; which could not but be " easily brought to pass, since the parliament " would vote any thing they should be directed:" others were for " the taking away his life by poi-

" son; which would make least noise;" or, " if " that could not be so easily contrived, by assassi- " nation; for which there were hands enough " ready to be employed." There was a third sort, as violent as either of the other, who pressed " to have him brought to a public trial as a male- " factor; which," they said, " would be most for " the honour of the parliament, and would teach " all kings to know, that they were accountable " and punishable for the wickedness of their lives."

Many of the officers were of the first opinion, " as a thing they had precedents for; and that he " being once deposed, they could better settle the " government than if he were dead; for his son " could pretend no right whilst he was alive; " whereas, if the father were dead, he would pre- " sently call himself king, and others would call " him so too; and, it may be, other kings and " princes would own him for such. If he were " kept alive in a close prison, he might afterwards " be made use of, or removed upon any appearance " of a revolution."

There were as many officers of the second judg- ment, " that he should be presently despatched." They said, " it appeared by the experience they " had, that whilst he was alive, (for a more strict " imprisonment than he had undergone, he could " never be confined to,) there would be always " plots and designs to set him at liberty; and he " would have parties throughout the kingdom; and, " in a short time, a faction in their most secret " councils, and it may be in the army itself; and, " where his liberty would yield so great a price, it " would be too great a trust to repose in any man,

" that he would long resist the temptation. Where-
" as, if he were confessedly dead, all those fears
" would be over; especially if they proceeded with
" that circumspection and severity towards all his
" party, as in prudence they ought to do." This party might probably have carried it, if Hammond could have been wrought upon to have concurred; but he had yet too much conscience to expose himself to that infamy; and without his privity or connivance it could not be easily done.

The third party, which were all the levellers and agitators of the army, in the head of which Ireton and Harrison were, would not endure either of the other ways; and said, " they could as easily
" bring him to justice in the sight of the sun, as
" depose him; since the authority of the parlia-
" ment could do one as well as the other: that
" their precedent of deposing had no reputation
" with the people; but was looked upon as the
" effect of some potent faction, which always op-
" pressed the people more after, than they had
" been before. Besides, those deposings had
" always been attended with assassinations and
" murders, which were the more odious and de-
" tested, because nobody owned and avowed the
" bloody actions they had done. But if he were
" brought to a public trial, for the notorious ill
" things he had done, and for his misgovernment,
" upon the complaint and prosecution of the peo-
" ple, the superiority of the people would be here-
" by vindicated and made manifest; and they
" should receive the benefit, and be for ever free
" from those oppressions which he had imposed
" upon them, and for which he ought to pay so

" dear; and such an exemplary proceeding and " execution as this, where every circumstance " should be clear and notorious, would be the best " foundation and security of the government they " intended to establish; and no man would be " ambitious to succeed him, and be a king in his " place, when he saw in what manner he must be " accountable to the people." This argumentation, or the strength and obstinacy of that party, carried it: and, hereupon, all that formality of proceeding, which afterwards was exercised, was resolved upon and consented to.

Whether the incredibility or monstrousness of such a kind of proceeding wrought upon the minds of men, or whether the principal actors took pains, by their insinuations, to have it so believed, but it is very strange that they who wished the king best, and stood nearest to the stage where these parts were acted, did not believe that there were those horrid intentions that shortly after appeared. The preachers, who had sounded the trumpets loudest to, and throughout the war, preached now as furiously against all wicked attempts and violence against the person of the king, and foolishly urged the obligation of the covenant (by which they had involved him in all the danger he was in) for the security of his person.

As soon as the prince heard of the king's being carried by Harrison to Windsor, and from thence to St. James's, though he had lately sent a servant on purpose to see his majesty, and to bring him an account of the state he was in, which servant was not permitted to see him, he sent now another with

a letter to Fairfax and the council of war, (for he knew the parliament had no authority,) in which he told them, "that he had no other means to be "informed of the health and condition of the "king his royal father, but by the common prints, "and general intelligences that arrived in those "parts: he had reason by those to believe, that, "after the expiration of the treaty in the Isle of "Wight, (where he hoped the foundation for a "happy peace had been laid,) his majesty had "been carried to Hurst castle; and since, by some "officers of the army, to Windsor, not without pur- "pose of a more violent prosecution; the rumour "whereof, though of so monstrous and incredible "a nature, had called upon his piety to make this "address to them; who had at this time the "power to choose, whether they would raise "lasting monuments to themselves of loyalty and "piety, by restoring their sovereign to his just "rights, and their country to peace and happiness, "a glory which had been seldom absolutely vouch- "safed to so small a number of men, or to make "themselves the authors of endless misery to the "kingdom, by contributing or consenting to an "act which all Christians, into how different "opinions soever divided, must abhor as the most "inconsistent with the elements of any religion, "and destructive to the security and being of any "kind of government: he did therefore earnestly "desire and conjure them, sadly to consider the "vast and prodigious disproportion in that elec- "tion; and then," he said, "he could not doubt "but that they would choose to do that which is

" most just, safe, and honourable for them to do;
" make themselves the blest instruments to pre-
" serve, defend, and restore their king; to whom
" only their allegiance was due; by which every
" one of them might justly promise themselves
" peace of conscience, the singular good-will and
" favour of his majesty, the ample thanks and
" acknowledgment of all good men, and the par-
" ticular and unalterable affection of the prince
" himself." This letter was, with much ado, delivered into the hands of Fairfax himself; but the messenger could never be admitted to speak with him; nor was there more known, than that it was read in the council of war, and laid aside.

From the time of the king's being come to St. James's, when he was delivered into the hands and custody of colonel Tomlinson, a colonel of foot, though the officer seemed to be a man of a better breeding, and of a nature more civil than Harrison, and pretended to pay much respect and duty to the king in his outward demeanour, yet his majesty was treated with more rudeness and barbarity than he had ever been before. No man was suffered to see or speak to him, but the soldiers who were his guard, some of whom sat up always in his bed-chamber, and drank, and took tobacco, as if they had been upon the court of guard; nor was he suffered to go into any other room, either to say his prayers, or to receive the ordinary benefits of nature, but was obliged to do both in their presence and before them: and yet they were so jealous of these their janizaries, that they might be wrought upon by the influence of this innocent prince, or by the remorse of their own conscience upon the

exercise of so much barbarity, that they caused the guards to be still changed; and the same men were never suffered twice to perform the same monstrous duty.

When he was first brought to Westminster-hall, which was upon the twentieth of January, before their high court of justice, he looked upon them, and sat down, without any manifestation of trouble, never stirring his hat; all the impudent judges sitting covered, and fixing their eyes upon him, without the least show of respect. The odious libel, which they called a charge and impeachment, was then read by the clerk; which contained, "that he had been admitted king of England, and "trusted with a limited power to govern according "to law; and, by his oath and office, was obliged "to use the power committed to him for the good "and benefit of the people: but that he had, out "of a wicked design to erect to himself an illi-"mited and tyrannical power, and to overthrow "the rights and liberties of the people, traitorously "levied war against the present parliament, and "the people therein represented." And then it mentioned his first appearance at York with a guard, then his being at Beverly, then his setting up his standard at Nottingham, the day of the month and the year in which the battle had been at Edge-hill, and all the other several battles which had been fought in his presence; "in which," it said, "he had caused and procured many thousands "of the freeborn people of the nation to be slain: "that after all his forces had been defeated, and "himself become a prisoner, he had, in that very "year, caused many insurrections to be made in

" England, and given a commission to the prince " his son to raise a new war against the parlia- " ment; whereby many who were in their service, " and trusted by them, had revolted, broken their " trust, and betook themselves to the service of the " prince against the parliament and the people: " that he had been the author and contriver of the " unnatural, cruel, and bloody wars; and was " therein guilty of all the treasons, murders, ra- " pines, burnings, and spoils, desolations, damage, " and mischief to the nation, which had been " committed in the said war, or been occasioned " thereby; and that he was therefore impeached " for the said treasons and crimes, on the behalf of " the people of England, as a tyrant, traitor, and " murderer, and a public implacable enemy to the " commonwealth of England." And it was prayed, " that he might be put to answer to all the parti- " culars, to the end that such an examination, trial, " and judgment, might be had thereupon, as should " be agreeable to justice."

Which being read, their president Bradshaw, after he had insolently reprehended the king " for " not having stirred his hat, or shewed more re- " spect to that high tribunal," told him, " that the " parliament of England had appointed that court " to try him for the several treasons, and misde- " meanours, which he had committed against the " kingdom during the evil administration of his " government; and that, upon the examination " thereof, justice might be done." And, after a great sauciness and impudence of talk, he asked the king, " what answer he had to make to that " impeachment."

The king, without any alteration in his countenance by all that insolent provocation, told them, "he would first know of them, by what authority "they presumed by force to bring him before them, "and who gave them power to judge of his actions, "for which he was accountable to none but God; "though they had been always such as he need not "be ashamed to own them before all the world." He told them, "that he was their king, they his "subjects; who owed him duty and obedience: "that no parliament had authority to call him "before them; but that they were not the parlia-"ment, nor had any authority from the parliament "to sit in that manner: that of all the persons "who sat there, and took upon them to judge him, "except those persons who being officers of the "army he could not but know whilst he was forced "to be amongst them, there were only two faces "which he had ever seen before, or whose names "were known to him." And, after urging "their "duty, that was due to him, and his superiority "over them," by such lively reasons, and arguments, as were not capable of any answer, he concluded, "that he would not so much betray himself, "and his royal dignity, as to answer any thing "they objected against him, which were to ac-"knowledge their authority; though he believed "that every one of themselves, as well as the "spectators, did, in their own consciences, absolve "him from all the material things which were ob-"jected against him."

Bradshaw advised him, in a very arrogant manner, "not to deceive himself with an opinion that "any thing he had said would do him any good:

" that the parliament knew their own authority, " and would not suffer it to be called in question or " debated:" therefore wished him, " to think better " of it, against he should be next brought thither, " and that he would answer directly to his charge; " otherwise, he could not be so ignorant, as not to " know what judgment the law pronounced against " those who stood mute, and obstinately refused to " plead." So the guard carried his majesty back to St. James's; where they treated him as before.

There was an accident happened that first day, which may be fit to be remembered. When all those who were commissioners had taken their places, and the king was brought in, the first ceremony was, to read their commission; which was the ordinance of parliament for the trial; and then the judges were all called, every man answering to his name as he was called, and the president being first called and making answer, the next who was called being the general, lord Fairfax, and no answer being made, the officer called him the second time, when there was a voice heard that said, " he had more wit than to be there;" which put the court into some disorder, and somebody asking, who it was, there was no other answer but a little murmuring. But, presently, when the impeachment was read, and that expression used, of " all the good people of England," the same voice in a louder tone answered, " No, nor the hundredth " part of them:" upon which, one of the officers bid the soldiers give fire into that box whence those presumptuous words were uttered. But it was quickly discerned that it was the general's wife, the lady Fairfax, who had uttered both those

sharp sayings; who was presently persuaded or forced to leave the place, to prevent any new disorder. She was of a very noble extraction, one of the daughters and heirs of Horace lord Vere of Tilbury; who, having been bred in Holland, had not that reverence for the church of England, as she ought to have had, and so had unhappily concurred in her husband's entering into rebellion, never imagining what misery it would bring upon the kingdom; and now abhorred the work in hand as much as any body could do, and did all she could to hinder her husband from acting any part in it. Nor did he ever sit in that bloody court, though out of the stupidity of his soul he was throughout overwitted by Cromwell, and made a property to bring that to pass which could very hardly have been otherwise effected.

As there was in many persons present at that woful spectacle a real duty and compassion for the king, so there was in others so barbarous and brutal a behaviour towards him, that they called him tyrant and murderer; and one spit in his face; which his majesty, without expressing any trouble, wiped off with his handkerchief.

The two men who were only known to the king before the troubles, were sir Harry Mildmay, master of the king's jewel-house, who had been bred up in the court, being younger brother of a good family in Essex, and who had been prosecuted with so great favours and bounties by king James, and by his majesty, that he was raised by them to a great estate, and preferred to that office in his house, which is the best under those which entitle the officers to be of the privy council. No man

more obsequious to the court than he, whilst it flourished; a great flatterer of all persons in authority, and a spy in all places for them. From the beginning of the parliament, he concurred with those who were most violent against the court, and most like to prevail against it; and being thereupon branded with ingratitude, as that brand commonly makes men most impudent, he continued his desperate pace with them, till he became one of the murderers of his master. The other was sir John Danvers, the younger brother and heir of the earl of Danby, who was a gentleman of the privy chamber to the king, and being neglected by his brother, and having, by a vain expense in his way of living, contracted a vast debt, which he knew not how to pay, and being a proud, formal, weak man, between being seduced and a seducer, became so far involved in their counsels, that he suffered himself to be applied to their worst offices, taking it to be a high honour to sit upon the same bench with Cromwell, who employed and contemned him at once: nor did that party of miscreants look upon any two men in the kingdom with that scorn and detestation, as they did upon Danvers and Mildmay.

The several unheard of insolences which this excellent prince was forced to submit to, at the other times he was brought before that odious judicatory, his majestic behaviour under so much insolence, and resolute insisting upon his own dignity, and defending it by manifest authorities in the law, as well as by the clearest deductions from reason, the pronouncing that horrible sentence upon the most innocent person in the world, the execution of that

sentence by the most execrable murder that was ever committed since that of our blessed Saviour, and the circumstances thereof; the application and interposition that was used by some noble persons to prevent that woful murder, and the hypocrisy with which that interposition was eluded, the saint-like behaviour of that blessed martyr, and his Christian courage and patience at his death, are all particulars so well known, and have been so much enlarged upon in a treatise peculiarly writ to that purpose, that the farther mentioning it in this place would but afflict and grieve the reader, and make the relation itself odious as well as needless; and therefore no more shall be said here of that lamentable tragedy, so much to the dishonour of the nation, and the religion professed by it.

But it will not be unnecessary to add a short character of his person, that posterity may know the inestimable loss which the nation then underwent, in being deprived of a prince, whose example would have had a greater influence upon the manners and piety of the nation, than the most strict laws can have. To speak first of his private qualifications as a man, before the mention of his princely and royal virtues; he was, if ever any, the most worthy of the title of an honest man; so great a lover of justice, that no temptation could dispose him to a wrongful action, except it was so disguised to him that he believed it to be just. He had a tenderness and compassion of nature, which restrained him from ever doing a hardhearted thing: and therefore he was so apt to grant pardon to malefactors, that the judges of the land represented to him the damage and insecurity to

the public, that flowed from such his indulgence. And then he restrained himself from pardoning either murders or highway robberies, and quickly discerned the fruits of his severity by a wonderful reformation of those enormities. He was very punctual and regular in his devotions; he was never known to enter upon his recreations or sports, though never so early in the morning, before he had been at public prayers; so that on hunting days his chaplains were bound to a very early attendance. He was likewise very strict in observing the hours of his private cabinet devotions; and was so severe an exactor of gravity and reverence in all mention of religion, that he could never endure any light or profane word, with what sharpness of wit soever it was covered: and though he was well pleased and delighted with reading verses made upon any occasion, no man durst bring before him any thing that was profane or unclean. That kind of wit had never any countenance then. He was so great an example of conjugal affection, that they who did not imitate him in that particular did not brag of their liberty: and he did not only permit, but direct his bishops to prosecute those scandalous vices, in the ecclesiastical courts, against persons of eminence, and near relation to his service.

His kingly virtues had some mixture and allay, that hindered them from shining in full lustre, and from producing those fruits they should have been attended with. He was not in his nature very bountiful, though he gave very much. This appeared more after the duke of Buckingham's death, after which those showers fell very rarely; and he

paused too long in giving, which made those, to whom he gave, less sensible of the benefit. He kept state to the full, which made his court very orderly; no man presuming to be seen in a place where he had no pretence to be. He saw and observed men long, before he received them about his person; and did not love strangers; nor very confident men. He was a patient hearer of causes; which he frequently accustomed himself to at the council board; and judged very well, and was dexterous in the mediating part: so that he often put an end to causes by persuasion, which the stubbornness of men's humours made dilatory in courts of justice.

He was very fearless in his person; but not very enterprising. He had an excellent understanding, but was not confident enough of it; which made him oftentimes change his own opinion for a worse, and follow the advice of men that did not judge so well as himself. This made him more irresolute than the conjuncture of his affairs would admit; if he had been of a rougher and more imperious nature he would have found more respect and duty. And his not applying some severe cures to approaching evils proceeded from the lenity of his nature, and the tenderness of his conscience, which, in all cases of blood, made him choose the softer way, and not hearken to severe counsels, how reasonably soever urged. This only restrained him from pursuing his advantage in the first Scottish expedition, when, humanly speaking, he might have reduced that nation to the most slavish obedience that could have been wished. But no man can say he had then many who advised him to it,

but the contrary, by a wonderful indisposition all his council had to fighting, or any other fatigue. He was always an immoderate lover of the Scottish nation, having not only been born there, but educated by that people, and besieged by them always, having few English about him till he was king; and the major number of his servants being still of that nation, who he thought could never fail him. And among these, no man had such an ascendant over him, by the humblest insinuations, as duke Hamilton had.

As he excelled in all other virtues, so in temperance he was so strict, that he abhorred all debauchery to that degree, that, at a great festival solemnity, where he once was, when very many of the nobility of the English and Scots were entertained, being told by one who withdrew from thence, what vast draughts of wine they drank, and "that "there was one earl, who had drank most of the "rest down, and was not himself moved or altered," the king said, "that he deserved to be hanged;" and that earl coming shortly after into the room where his majesty was, in some gayety, to shew how unhurt he was from that battle, the king sent one to bid him withdraw from his majesty's presence; nor did he in some days after appear before him.

So many miraculous circumstances contributed to his ruin, that men might well think that heaven and earth and the stars designed it. Though he was, from the first declension of his power, so much betrayed by his own servants, that there were very few who remained faithful to him, yet that treachery proceeded not from any treasonable

purpose to do him any harm, but from particular and personal animosities against other men. And, afterwards, the terror all men were under of the parliament, and the guilt they were conscious of themselves, made them watch all opportunities to make themselves gracious to those who could do them good; and so they became spies upon their master, and from one piece of knavery were hardened and confirmed to undertake another; till at last they had no hope of preservation but by the destruction of their master. And after all this, when a man might reasonably believe that less than a universal defection of three nations could not have reduced a great king to so ugly a fate, it is most certain, that, in that very hour when he was thus wickedly murdered in the sight of the sun, he had as great a share in the hearts and affections of his subjects in general, was as much beloved, esteemed, and longed for by the people in general of the three nations, as any of his predecessors had ever been. To conclude, he was the worthiest gentleman, the best master, the best friend, the best husband, the best father, and the best Christian, that the age in which he lived produced. And if he were not the best king, if he were without some parts and qualities which have made some kings great and happy, no other prince was ever unhappy who was possessed of half his virtues and endowments, and so much without any kind of vice.

This unparalleled murder and parricide was committed upon the thirtieth of January, in the year, according to the account used in England, 1648, in the forty and ninth year of his age, and when

he had such excellent health, and so great vigour of body, that when his murderers caused him to be opened, (which they did, and were some of them present at it with great curiosity,) they confessed and declared, "that no man had ever all his vital "parts so perfect and unhurt: and that he seemed "to be of so admirable a composition and constitu- "tion, that he would probably have lived as long "as nature could subsist." His body was immediately carried into a room at Whitehall; where he was exposed for many days to the public view, that all men might know that he was not alive. And he was then embalmed, and put into a coffin, and so carried to St. James's; where he likewise remained several days. They who were qualified to look after that province declared, "that he "should be buried at Windsor in a decent manner, "provided that the whole expense should not ex- "ceed five hundred pounds." The duke of Richmond, the marquis of Hertford, the earls of Southampton and Lindsey, who had been of his bedchamber, and always very faithful to him, desired those who governed, "that they might have leave "to perform the last duty to their dead master, "and to wait upon him to his grave;" which, after some pauses, they were permitted to do, with this, "that they should not attend the corpse out of the "town; since they resolved it should be privately "carried to Windsor without pomp or noise, and "then they should have timely notice, that, if they "pleased, they might be at his interment." And accordingly it was committed to four of those servants, who had been by them appointed to wait upon him during his imprisonment, that they

should convey the body to Windsor; which they did. And it was, that night, placed in that chamber which had usually been his bedchamber: the next morning, it was carried into the great hall; where it remained till the lords came; who arrived there in the afternoon, and immediately went to colonel Whitchcot, the governor of the castle, and shewed the order they had from the parliament to be present at the burial; which he admitted: but when they desired that his majesty might be buried according to the form of the Common Prayer Book, the bishop of London being present with them to officiate, he expressly, positively and roughly refused to consent to it; and said, "it was not lawful; "that the Common Prayer Book was put down, "and he would not suffer it to be used in that "garrison where he commanded;" nor could all the reasons, persuasions, and entreaties, prevail with him to suffer it. Then they went into the church, to make choice of a place for burial. But when they entered into it, which they had been so well acquainted with, they found it so altered and transformed, all tombs, inscriptions, and those landmarks pulled down, by which all men knew every particular place in that church, and such a dismal mutation over the whole, that they knew not where they were: nor was there one old officer that had belonged to it, or knew where our princes had used to be interred. At last there was a fellow of the town who undertook to tell them the place, where, he said, "there was a vault, in which king Harry "the Eighth and queen Jane Seymour were in-"terred." As near that place as could conveniently be, they caused the grave to be made.

There the king's body was laid without any words, or other ceremonies than the tears and sighs of the few beholders. Upon the coffin was a plate of silver fixed with these words only, *King Charles* 1648. When the coffin was put in, the black velvet pall that had covered it was thrown over it, and then the earth thrown in; which the governor stayed to see perfectly done, and then took the keys of the church, which was seldom put to any use.

I have been the longer and the more particular in this relation, that I may from thence take occasion to mention what fell out long after, and which administered a subject of much discourse; in which, according to the several humours and fancies of men, they who were in nearest credit and trust about the king underwent many very severe censures and reproaches, not without reflection upon the king himself. Upon the return of king Charles the Second with so much congratulation, and universal joy of the people, above ten years after the murder of his father, it was generally expected that the body should be removed from that obscure burial, and, with such ceremony as should be thought fit, should be solemnly deposited with his royal ancestors in king Harry the Seventh's chapel in the collegiate church of Westminster. And the king himself intended nothing more, and spoke often of it, as if it were only deferred till some circumstances and ceremonies in the doing it might be adjusted. But, by degrees, the discourse of it was diminished, as if it were totally laid aside upon some reasons of state, the ground whereof several men guessed at according to their fancies, and

thereupon cast those reproaches upon the statesmen as they thought reasonable, when the reasons which were suggested by their own imaginations did not satisfy their understanding. For the satisfaction and information of all men, I choose in this place to explain that matter; which, it may be, is not known to many; and at that time was not, for many reasons, thought fit to be published. The duke of Richmond was dead before the king returned; the marquis of Hertford died in a short time after, and was seldom out of his lodging after his majesty came to Whitehall: the earl of Southampton and the earl of Lindsey went to Windsor, and took with them such of their own servants as had attended them in that service, and as many others as they remembered had been then present, and were still alive; who all amounted to a small number; there being, at the time of the interment, great strictness used in admitting any to be present whose names were not included in the order which the lords had brought. In a word, the confusion they had at that time observed to be in that church, all things pulled down which distinguished between the body of the church and choir, and the small alterations which were begun to be made towards decency, so totally perplexed their memories, that they could not satisfy themselves in what place or part of the church the royal body was interred: yet, where any concurred upon this or that place, they caused the ground to be opened at a good distance, and, upon such inquiries, found no cause to believe that they were near the place: and, upon their giving this account to the king, the thought of that remove was laid aside; and the reason

communicated to very few, for the better discountenancing farther inquiry.

Though this wicked and abominable action had to a degree satisfied their malice, it had not enough provided for their ambition or security. They had no sooner freed themselves from one, than another king was grown up in his place. And besides the old royal party, which continued still vigorous, notwithstanding their loss of so much blood, and (which weakens almost as much) of so great estates, they did apprehend that there were in the vast number of the guilty (who quietly looked on upon the removal of the old, whom they had so grievously offended) who would yet be very willing to submit, and be obedient to the new king; who was like to find more friends abroad, as well as at home, than his father had done. And therefore they made haste to prevent this threatening evil, by publishing a proclamation, "that no person "whatsoever should presume to declare Charles "Stuart, son of the late Charles, commonly called "the prince of Wales, or any other person, to be "king, or chief magistrate of England, or Ireland, "or of any dominions belonging thereunto, by "colour of inheritance, succession, election, or any "other claim whatsoever; and that whoever, con-"trary to this act, presume to proclaim, &c. should "be deemed and adjudged a traitor, and suffer "accordingly."

In the next place, that their infant republic might be nursed, cherished, and brought up by those only who had begotten and brought it forth, they resolved to take away and abolish the house of peers, and voted, "that they would make no

" farther addresses to the house of lords, nor re-
" ceive any more from them: that the house of
" peers, in parliament, was useless and dangerous;
" and that an act should be brought in for abolish-
" ing it: that the privilege of the peers, of being
" freed from arrests, should be declared null and
" void;" all which was done within few days. However, they declared, " that the peers should " have the privilege to be elected knights, or " burgesses;" of which gracious concession some of them took the benefit soon after, and sat, upon their election into vacant places, in the house of commons.

There remained yet another provision to be made against their own ambition; for it was well known, that there were yet amongst them many who were not equally fond of a commonwealth; and therefore they declared, " that it had been " found by experience, that the office of a king in " this nation, or to have the power thereof in any " single person, was unnecessary, burdensome, and " dangerous to the liberty, and safety, and public " interest of the nation; and therefore that it " should be utterly abolished; and to that purpose " an act should be forthwith prepared:" which was likewise done, and passed. And by this triple cord they believed their republic would be strongly compacted, and sufficiently provided for.

Their new great seal was by this time ready; whereon was engraven, on one side, the arms of England and Ireland, with this inscription, *The great seal of England;* and on the other side the portraiture of the house of commons sitting, circumscribed, *In the first year of freedom by God's*

blessing restored, 1648. The custody of this great seal was committed to three lawyers, whereof one had sat among the king's judges, and the others had contributed too much to their service. All things being now in this good order, they sent for their judges, to agree upon the formality and circumstances of proceedings. For it was declared by the parliament, "that they were fully resolved "to maintain and uphold the fundamental laws of "the nation, in order to the preservation of the "lives, property, and liberty of the people, not-"withstanding all the alterations made in the go-"vernment for the good of the people:" and the writs were no more to run in the king's name, as they had always done, but the name, style, and test, to be *Custodes libertatis Angliæ, authoritate parliamenti*. If it were not a thing so notoriously known, it could not be believed, that of twelve judges, whereof ten were of their own making, and the other two had quietly submitted, from the beginning of the war, to the authority that governed, six laid down their places, and could not give themselves leave to accept commissions from the new established power. So aguish and fantastical a thing is the conscience of men who have once departed from the rule of conscience, in hope to be permitted to adhere to it again upon a less pressing occasion.

It will require, at least it may not be unfit, to rest and make a pause in this place, to take a view, and behold with what countenance the kings and princes of Christendom had their eyes fixed upon this woful bloody spectacle; how they looked upon that issue of blood, at which their own seemed to

be so prodigally poured out; with what consternation their hearts laboured to see the impious hands of the lowest and basest subjects bathing in the bowels and reeking blood of their sovereign; a brother king, the anointed of the Lord, dismembered as a malefactor; what combination and union was entered into, to take vengeance upon those monsters, and to vindicate the royal blood thus wickedly spilt. Alas! there was not a murmur amongst any of them at it; but, as if they had been all called upon in the language of the prophet Isaiah, *Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from the beginning hitherto, to a nation meted out, and trodden down, whose lands the rivers have spoiled,* they made haste, and sent over, that they might get shares in the spoils of a murdered monarch.

Cardinal Mazarine, who, in the infancy of the French king, managed that sceptre, had long adored the conduct of Cromwell, and sought his friendship by a lower and viler application than was suitable to the purple of a cardinal, sent now to be admitted as a merchant to traffic in the purchase of the rich goods and jewels of the rifled crown, of which he purchased the rich beds, hangings, and carpets, which furnished his palace at Paris. The king of Spain had, from the beginning of the rebellion, kept don Alonzo de Cardinas, who had been his ambassador to the king, residing still at London; and he had, upon several occasions, many audiences from the parliament, and several treaties on foot; and as soon as this dismal murder was over, that ambassador, who had always a great malignity towards the king, bought as many pic-

tures, and other precious goods appertaining to the crown, as, being sent in ships to the Corunna in Spain, were carried from thence to Madrid upon eighteen mules. Christina, queen of Sweden, purchased the choice of all the medals, and jewels, and some pictures of a great price, and received Cromwell's ambassador with great joy and pomp, and made an alliance with them. The archduke Leopold, who was governor of Flanders, disbursed a great sum of money for many of the best pictures, which adorned the several palaces of the king; which were all brought to him to Brussels, and from thence carried by him into Germany. In this manner did the neighbour princes join to assist Cromwell with very great sums of money, whereby he was enabled to prosecute and finish his wicked victory over what yet remained unconquered, and to extinguish monarchy in this renowned kingdom; whilst they enriched and adorned themselves with the ruins and spoils of the surviving heir, without applying any part thereof to his relief, in the greatest necessities which ever king was subject to. And that which is stranger than all this, and more wonderful, (since most men, by recovering their fortunes, use to recover most of what they were before robbed of, many who joined in the robbery pretending that they took care to preserve it for the true owner,) not one of all these princes ever restored any of their unlawful purchases to the king, after his blessed restoration.

Whilst these perfidious wretches had their hands still reeking in the precious blood of their sovereign, they were put upon a new piece of butchery,

as necessary to the establishment of their new tyranny. The king was no sooner dead, but they declared, as hath been said, "that from this time "England should be governed as a commonwealth "by the parliament;" that is, by that handful of men, who by their wisdom and power had wrought this wonderful alteration. And because the number of those appeared very small, and the number of those they had excluded was as visible, they made an order and declaration, "that as many of the "members who had been excluded, as would "under their hands approve all that had been done "during the time they were excluded, should re-"turn to their seats in the house without any "prejudice for the future." Hereupon very many went again into the house, satisfying themselves that they were not guilty of the innocent royal blood that had been spilt; and so their number increased. They had made a new great seal, as hath been said, and called the commissioners, who were intrusted with the keeping thereof, *the keepers of the liberties of England.* And the court of king's bench they called the *upper bench*, and appointed certain persons to consider of such alterations as were necessary to be made in the laws of England, in regard of so important a mutation. That they might have some obligation of obedience from their subjects for the future, who had broken all the former oaths which they had taken, a new oath was prepared and established, which they called an *engagement;* the substance whereof was, that every man should swear, "that he would be "true and faithful to the government established "without king or house of peers, and that he

" would never consent to the readmitting either of " them again, or words to that effect :" and whosoever refused to take that engagement should be incapable of holding any place or office in church or state. The necessity of taking which oath did not only exclude all of the royal party, but freed them from very many who had offices in church and state, who, being of the presbyterian party, durst not sacrifice their beloved covenant to this new engagement. And so they filled many considerable places, both in the one and the other, with men throughly prepared for their service. But before they could model and finish all this, and whilst it was preparing, they had, in several parts of the kingdom, terrified the people with bloody spectacles, in the executing many of the persons who had been taken. And, that all hopes and pretences might be taken away from their subjects, the peers of England, that they should hereafter have any thing to do in declaring what the fundamental laws of the land were, a new high court of justice was appointed to sit for the trial of duke Hamilton, the earl of Holland, the earl of Norwich, the lord Capel, and another gentleman, one sir John Owen, (who, having been heretofore a colonel in the king's army, had in a late insurrection in Wales killed the high sheriff,) that they might see there should hereafter be no more distinction of quality in trials for life, but that the greatest lord and the meanest peasant should undergo the same judicatory, and form of trial. Nor could it be thought unreasonable, that all the creations of the crown should be determined by that jurisdiction to which the crown itself had been subjected.

Duke Hamilton could not well be thought other than a prisoner of war, and so not liable to a trial for his life. But his own conscience had given him a shrewd presage, when it tempted him to make an escape, which he had so luckily performed, that he was out of his enemies' hands full three days; but, being impatient to be at a greater distance from them, he was apprehended as he was taking horse in Southwark; and carried prisoner into the Tower; from whence he was brought, with the others, before that high court of justice. He insisted upon "the right and privilege of the "kingdom of Scotland; that it had not the least "dependence upon the kingdom of England, but "was entirely governed by its own laws: that he, "being a subject of that kingdom, was bound to "obey the commands thereof; and the parliament "of that kingdom having thought it necessary to "raise an army for the relief of their king, and "constituted him general of that army, it was not "lawful for him to refuse the command thereof; "and whatever misfortune he had undergone with "it, he could not be understood to be liable to any "punishment but what a prisoner of war was "bound to undergo." He was told, "that the "rights and laws of the kingdom of Scotland "were not called in question, nor could be violated "by their proceedings against him, who was a "subject of England; against which he was "charged with rebellion and treason: that they "did not proceed against him as duke Hamilton "of Scotland, but as earl of Cambridge in Eng-"land, and they would judge him as such." The earl of Holland was not at that time in a good dis-

position of health, and so answered little, as a man that would rather receive his life by their favour, than from the strength of his defence. The earl of Norwich behaved himself with great submission to the court, and with all those addresses as were most like to reconcile his judges to him, and to prevail over their affections: spoke of "his being "bred up in the court from his cradle, in the time "of queen Elizabeth; of his having been a ser- "vant to king James all his reign; of his depend- "ence upon prince Harry; afterwards upon the "late king; of the obligations he had to the "crown, and of his endeavours to serve it;" and concluded as a man that would be beholding to them, if they would give him leave to live.

The lord Capel appeared undaunted, and utterly refused to submit to their jurisdiction; "that in "the condition and capacity of a soldier and a "prisoner of war, he said, the lawyers and gown- "men had nothing to do with him, and therefore "he would not answer to any thing which they "had said against him;" (Prideaux having treated him with great rudeness and insolence;) but in- sisted upon "the law of nations, which exempted "all prisoners, though submitting to mercy, from "death, if it was not inflicted within so many "days: which were long since expired." He urged "the declaration which Fairfax the general "had made to him, and the rest of the prisoners, "after the death of sir Charles Lucas and sir "George Lisle; that no other of their lives should "be in danger, which he had witnesses ready to "prove, if they might be admitted;" and con- cluded, "that, if he had committed any offence

" worthy of death, he might be tried by his peers: " which was his right by the laws of the land; " the benefit whereof he required." Ireton, who was present, and sat as one of his judges, denied " that the general had made any such promise, " and if he had, that the parliament's authority " could not be restrained thereby;" and put him in mind of his carriage at that time, and how much he neglected then the general's civility. The other insisted still on the promise; and urged, " that the general might be sent for and ex- " amined;" which they knew not how to deny; but, in regard of his indisposition of health, they said they could not expect he should come in person, but they would send to him for his testimony in writing, whilst they proceeded against sir John Owen, who was the other prisoner.

He answered them without any application, " that he was a plain gentleman of Wales, who " had been always taught to obey the king; that " he had served him honestly during the war, and " finding afterwards that many honest men endea- " voured to raise forces, whereby they might get " him out of prison, he did the like; and the high " sheriff endeavoured to oppose him, and so " chanced to be killed; which he might have " avoided, if he had stayed at home:" and concluded like a man that did not much care what they resolved concerning him.

Whether the question was well stated to Fairfax, or what was else said to him to dissuade him from owning his declaration and promise, he boggled so much in his answer, that they would be of opinion, " that he had not made such direct and positive

"promise; and that the same was never trans-
"mitted to the parliament; which it ought to have
"been; and that, at most, it could but exempt
"those prisoners from being tried before a court,
"or council of war, and could not be understood as
"an obligation upon the parliament, not to give
"direction to such a legal proceeding against
"them, as they should find necessary for the
"peace and safety of the kingdom." The presi-
dent Bradshaw told the lord Capel, with many
insolent expressions, "that he was tried before
"such judges as the parliament thought fit to
"assign him; and who had judged a better man
"than himself." So the sentence of death was
pronounced against all five of them, "that they
"should lose their heads;" upon which sir John
Owen made a low reverence, and gave them hum-
ble thanks; and being asked by a stander by,
"what he meant?" he said aloud, "it was a very
"great honour to a poor gentleman of Wales to
"lose his head with such noble lords;" and swore
a great oath, "that he was afraid they would have
"hanged him."

The prisoners were all carried to St. James's;
where they were to remain till their execution two
days after; which time their friends and relations
had to endeavour to preserve their lives by the
power and authority of the parliament; where
there were so many sitting who had not sat in
judgment upon them, and who were of several
affections, and liable to several temptations, that
there might be a reasonable hope to rescue them
from the cruel and unjust judgment. Their wives,
and children, and friends, left no way untried to

prevail; offered and gave money to some who were willing to receive it, and made promises accordingly. But they who had the greatest credit, and most power to terrify others who should displease them, were inexorable; yet dealt so much more honestly than the rest, that they declared to the ladies, who solicited for their husbands and their fathers, "that they would not endeavour to do them "service." Ireton, above all men, continued his insolent and dogged humour, (sævus ille vultus et robur a quo se contra pudorem muniebat,) and told them, "if he had credit, they should all die." Others, who gave better words, had no better meaning than he.

All their petitions were read in order, being penned in such styles as the friends, who solicited for them, were advised. Duke Hamilton's petition being read, many, upon the motives of justice, and as they imagined his death might be the occasion of new troubles between the two nations, since Scotland could not but resent it, would have been willing he should live. But he had fewer friends to his person than any of the rest; and Cromwell knew well that his being out of the way would not be unacceptable to them upon whom the peace of that kingdom depended: so that when his petition was read, it was rejected by very much the major part of voices. The consideration of the earl of Holland took up a long debate: the interest and interposition of the earl of Warwick, his brother, was applied; and every presbyterian, to a man, was solicitous to preserve him. They urged "his "merit towards the parliament in the beginning "of the troubles; how much he had suffered in the "court for his affection to them: his age and infir-

" mities, which would not suffer him long to enjoy " that life they should give him: and the con- " sideration of his wife, and children, which were " numerous." But these arguments stirred up others to inveigh against his backslidings with the more bitterness, and to undervalue the services he had ever done; to tax his vanities, and his breach of faith. So that when the question was put concerning him, they who were for the negative exceeded the number of the other by three or four votes; Cromwell having more than an ordinary animosity against him, for his behaviour in the beginning of the summer, and for some words of neglect and contempt he had let fall concerning himself. The earl of Norwich came next upon the stage; who, having always lived a cheerful and jovial life, without contracting many enemies, had many there who wished him well, and few who had animosity against him: so that when the question was put concerning him, the house was equally divided, the votes which rejected his petition, and those which would preserve his life, were equal: so that his life or death depended upon the single vote of the speaker; who told the house, " that he " had received many obligations from that lord; " and that once when he had been like to have " incurred the king's displeasure, by some misin- " formation, which would have been very penal " to him, the lord Goring" (under which style he was treated, the additional of Norwich not being allowed by them upon their old rule) " had by his " credit preserved him, and removed the prejudice " that was against him; and therefore he was " obliged in gratitude to give his vote for the

"saving him." By this good fortune he came to be preserved; whether the ground of it were true or no, or whether the speaker made it only as an excuse for saving any man's life who was put to ask it in that place.

The lord Capel, shortly after he was brought prisoner to the Tower from Windsor castle, had by a wonderful adventure, having a cord and all things necessary conveyed to him, let himself down out of the window of his chamber in the night, over the wall of the Tower; and had been directed through what part of the ditch he might be best able to wade. Whether he found the right place, or whether there was no safer place, he found the water and the mud so deep, that, if he had not been by the head taller than other men, he must have perished, since the water came up to his chin. The way was so long to the other side, and the fatigue of drawing himself out of so much mud so intolerable, that his spirits were near spent, and he was once ready to call out for help, as thinking it better to be carried back again to the prison, than to be found in such a place, from whence he could not extricate himself, and where he was ready to expire. But it pleased God, that he got at last to the other side; where his friends expected him, and carried him to a chamber in the Temple; where he remained two or three nights secure from any discovery, notwithstanding the diligence that could not but be used to recover a man they designed to use no better. After two or three days, a friend whom he trusted much, and who deserved to be trusted, conceiving that he might be more secure in a place to which there was less resort,

and where there were so many harboured who were every day sought after, had provided a lodging for him in a private house in Lambeth Marsh; and calling upon him in an evening, when it was dark, to go thither, they chose rather to take any boat they found ready at the Temple stairs, than to trust one of that people with the secret; and it was so late that there was one only boat left there. In that the lord Capel (as well disguised as he thought necessary) and his friend put themselves, and bid the waterman to row them to Lambeth. Whether, in their passage thither, the other gentleman called him *my lord*, as was confidently reported, or whether the waterman had any jealousy by observing what he thought was a disguise, when they were landed, the wicked waterman, undiscerned, followed them, till he saw into what house they went; and then went to an officer, and demanded, "what he would give him "to bring him to the place where the lord Capel "lay?" And the officer promising to give him ten pounds, he led him presently to the house, where that excellent person was seized upon, and the next day carried to the Tower.

When the petition, that his wife had delivered, was read, many gentlemen spoke on his behalf; and mentioned the great virtues which were in him; and "that he had never deceived them, or "pretended to be of their party; but always reso-"lutely declared himself for the king:" and Cromwell, who had known him very well, spoke so much good of him, and professed to have so much kindness and respect for him, that all men thought he was now safe, when he concluded, "that his

" affection to the public so much weighed down his " private friendship, that he could not but tell them, " that the question was now, whether they would " preserve the most bitter and the most implacable " enemy they had: that he knew the lord Capel " very well, and knew that he would be the last " man in England that would forsake the royal " interest; that he had great courage, industry, " and generosity; that he had many friends who " would always adhere to him; and that as long " as he lived, what condition soever he was in, he " would be a thorn in their sides; and therefore, " for the good of the commonwealth, he should " give his vote against the petition." Ireton's hatred was immortal; he spake of him and against him, as of a man of whom he was heartily afraid. Very many were swayed by the argument that had been urged against duke Hamilton, " that God " was not pleased that he should escape, because " he had put him into their hands again, when he " was at liberty." And so, after a long debate, though there was not a man who had not a value for him, and very few who had a particular malice or prejudice towards him, the question being put, the negative was more by three or four voices: so that of the four lords, three were without the mercy of that unmerciful people. There being no other petition presented, Ireton told them, " there " had been great endeavours and solicitation used " to save all those lords; but that there was a " commoner, another condemned person, for whom " no one man had spoke a word, nor had he himself " so much as petitioned them; and therefore he " desired, that sir John Owen might be preserved

" by the mere motive and goodness of the house " itself;" which found little opposition; whether they were satiated with blood, or that they were willing, by this instance, that the nobility should see that a commoner should be preferred before them.

A scaffold was erected before Westminster-hall, and all the prisoners condemned were brought from St. James's, (as well the two who were reprieved, as the three who were to suffer,) upon the ninth of March, that was at the end of the year 1648, a little more than a month after the murder of the king, to sir Thomas Cotton's house, at the upper end of Westminster-hall; where they were suffered to repose themselves about the space of an hour, and then were led successively through the hall to the scaffold, duke Hamilton being first; who seemed yet to have some hope of a reprieve, and made some stay in the hall, till the earl of Denbigh came to him; and, after a short whisper, in which he found there was no hope, he ascended the scaffold. He complained much of " the in- " justice that was done him; and that he was put " to death for obeying the laws of his country; " which if he had not done, he must have been put " to death there." He acknowledged the obligations he had to the king, and seemed not sorry for the gratitude he had expressed, how dear soever it cost him. His natural darkness, and reservation in his discourse, made him to be thought a wise man, and his having been in command under the king of Sweden, and his continual discourses of battles, and fortifications, made him be thought a soldier. And both these mistakes were the cause that made

him be looked upon as a worse and a more dangerous man, than in truth he deserved to be.

The earl of Holland was brought next, who, by his long sickness, was so spent, that his spirits served not to entertain the people with long discourse. He spoke of "his religion, as a matter "unquestionable, by the education he had had in "the religious family of which he was a branch:" which was thought a strange discourse for a dying man, who, though a son, knew enough of the iniquity of his father's house, which should rather have been buried in silence, than, by such an unseasonable testimony, have been revived in the memory and discourse of men. He took more care to be thought a good friend to parliaments, than a good servant to his master, and was thought to say too little of his having failed so much in his duty to him, which most good men believed to be the source from whence his present calamity sprung. He was a very well bred man, and a fine gentleman in good times; but too much desired to enjoy ease and plenty, when the king could have neither; and did think poverty the most insupportable evil that could befall any man in this world. He was then so weak that he could not have lived long; and when his head was cut off, very little blood followed.

The lord Capel was then called; who walked through Westminster-hall, saluting such of his friends and acquaintance as he saw there, with a very serene countenance, accompanied with his friend Dr. Morley; who had been with him from the time of his sentence; but, at the foot of the scaffold, his lordship took his leave of him; and,

embracing him, thanked him; and said, he should go no farther, having some apprehension that he might receive some affront by the soldiers after his death; the chaplains who attended the two other lords being men of the time, and the doctor being well known to be most contrary.

As soon as his lordship had ascended the scaffold, he looked very vigorously about, and asked, "whether the other lords had spoken to the people "with their hats on?" and being told, that "they "were bare;" he gave his hat to his servant, and then with a clear and a strong voice he said, "that "he was brought thither to die for doing that "which he could not repent of: that he had been "born and bred under the government of a king, "whom he was bound in conscience to obey; "under laws, to which he had been always obe-"dient; and in the bosom of a church, which he "thought the best in the world: that he had "never violated his faith to either of those, and "was now condemned to die against all the laws "of the land; to which sentence he did submit."

He enlarged himself in commending "the great "virtue and piety of the king, whom they had put to "death; who was so just and so merciful a prince;" and prayed to God, "to forgive the nation that "innocent blood." Then he recommended to them the present king; "who," he told them, "was their true and their lawful sovereign; and "was worthy to be so: that he had the honour to "have been some years near his person, and there-"fore he could not but know him well;" and assured them, "that he was a prince of great "understanding, of an excellent nature, of great

" courage, an entire lover of justice, and of exem-
" plary piety; that he was not to be shaken in his
" religion; and had all those princely virtues,
" which could make a nation happy:" and there-
fore advised them " to submit to his government,
" as the only means to preserve themselves, their
" posterity, and the protestant religion." And hav-
ing, with great vehemence, recommended it to
them, after some prayers very devoutly pronounced
upon his knees, he submitted himself, with an
unparalleled Christian courage, to the fatal stroke,
which deprived the nation of the noblest champion
it had.

He was a man in whom the malice of his enemies could discover very few faults, and whom his friends could not wish better accomplished; whom Cromwell's own character well described; and who indeed would never have been contented to have lived under that government. His memory all men loved and reverenced, though few followed his example. He had always lived in a state of great plenty and general estimation, having a very noble fortune of his own by descent, and a fair addition to it by his marriage with an excellent wife, a lady of very worthy extraction, of great virtue and beauty, by whom he had a numerous issue of both sexes, in which he took great joy and comfort: so that no man was more happy in all his domestic affairs; and he was so much the more happy, in that he thought himself most blessed in them.

And yet the king's honour was no sooner violated, and his just power invaded, than he threw all those blessings behind him; and having no other obligations to the crown, than those which

his own honour and conscience suggested to him, he frankly engaged his person and his fortune from the beginning of the troubles, as many others did, in all actions and enterprises of the greatest hazard and danger; and continued to the end, without ever making one false step, as few others did, though he had once, by the iniquity of a faction, that then prevailed, an indignity put upon him that might have excused him for some remission of his former warmth. But it made no other impression upon him, than to be quiet and contented, whilst they would let him alone, and, with the same cheerfulness, to obey the first summons when he was called out; which was quickly after. In a word, he was a man, that whoever shall, after him, deserve best of the English nation, he can never think himself undervalued, when he shall hear, that his courage, virtue, and fidelity, is laid in the balance with, and compared to, that of the lord Capel.

So ended the year one thousand six hundred forty-eight; a year of reproach and infamy above all years which had passed before it; a year of the highest dissimulation and hypocrisy, of the deepest villany and most bloody treasons, that any nation was ever cursed with, or under: a year, in which the memory of all the transactions ought to be rased out of all records, lest, by the success of it, atheism, infidelity, and rebellion, should be propagated in the world: a year, of which we may say, as the historian said of the time of Domitian, *Sicut vetus ætas vidit, quid ultimum in libertate esset, ita nos quid in servitute, adempto per inqui-*

sitiones et loquendi audiendique commercio, &c.; or, as the same writer says of a time not altogether so wicked, *is habitus animorum fuit, ut pessimum facinus auderent pauci, plures vellent, omnes paterentur.*

THE END OF THE ELEVENTH BOOK.

THE

HISTORY

OF THE

REBELLION, &c.

BOOK XII.

2 CHRON. xxviii. 10. *And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the Lord your God?*

ISAIAH xvii. 12. *Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters.*—xxix. 10. *For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.*

WHILST these tragedies were acting in England, and ordinances formed, as hath been said, to make it penal in the highest degree for any man to assume the title of king, or to acknowledge any man to be so, the king himself remained in a very disconsolate condition at the Hague. Though he had known the desperate state his father was long in, yet the barbarous stroke so surprised him, that he was in all the confusion imaginable, and all about him were almost bereft of their understanding. The truth is, it can hardly be conceived, with what a consternation this terrible news was received by all the common people of that country. There was a woman at the Hague, of the middling rank,

who, being with child, with the horror of the mention of it, fell into travail, and in it died. There could not be more evidence of a general detestation, than there was, amongst all men of what quality soever. Within two or three days, which they gave to the king's recollection, the States presented themselves in a body to his majesty, to condole with him for the murder of his father, in terms of great sorrow and condolence, save that there was not bitterness enough against the rebels and murderers. The States of Holland, apart, performed the same civility towards his majesty; and the body of the clergy, in a very good Latin oration, delivered by the chief preacher of the Hague, lamented the misfortune, in terms of as much asperity, and detestation of the actors, as unworthy the name of Christians, as could be expressed.

The desperateness of the king's condition could not excuse his sinking under the burden of his grief: but those who were about him besought him to resume so much courage as was necessary for his present state. He thereupon caused those of his father's council who had attended him to be sworn of his privy council, adding only Mr. Long his secretary: who, before, was not of the council. All which was done before he heard from the queen his mother; who, notwithstanding the great agony she was in, which without doubt was as great a passion of sorrow as she was able to sustain, wrote to the king, "that he could not do better, than to "repair into France as soon as was possible, and, "in the mean time, desired him not to swear any "persons to be of his council, till she could speak "with him." Whether it was, that she did not think those persons to be enough at her devotion;

or that she would have them receive that honour upon her recommendation.

The king himself had no mind to go into France, where he thought he had not been treated with excess of courtesy; and he resolved to perform all filial respect towards the queen his mother, without such a condescension and resignation of himself, as she expected; and, to avoid all eclaircissements upon that subject, he heartily desired that any other course might be found more counsellable than that he should go into France. He himself lived with and upon the prince of Orange; who supplied him with all things necessary for his own person, for his mourning, and the like: but towards any other support for himself and his family, his majesty had not enough to maintain them one day: and there were very few of them who could maintain themselves in the most private way: and it was visible enough, that they should not be long able to reside in the Hague; where there was, at that very time, an agent for the parliament, Strickland; who had been there some years, but pretended at that time to reside there with his wife, (who was a Dutch woman,) and without any public character, though he was still under the same credentials. And their advertisements from London assured them, that the parliament had nominated one, who was presently to be sent as their ambassador, or envoy to the States, to give them an account of their affairs, and to invite them to enter into an alliance with them. So that it was time to think of some other retreat for the king; and none appeared then so seasonable in their view, as Ireland; from whence they heard, "that prince "Rupert was arrived safely at Kinsale with the fleet:

" that the lord Inchiquin had made a cessation with " the Irish, before the lord lieutenant came thither; " and the Irish had deserted the pope's nuncio, " who was driven away, and had embarked him- " self for France: that the marquis of Ormond was " received by the lord Inchiquin with all the obe- " dience imaginable, by which he became entirely " possessed of the whole province of Munster; and " that the confederate Roman catholics had invited " him to Kilkenny; where he had made a full " peace with them: so that they were preparing " an army to march under his command against " Dublin." This news made them hope, that every day would improve it so much, that it would be fit for the king to transport his own person thither in the spring.

In this conjuncture there arrived a gentleman, one sir Joseph Douglass, with a letter from the privy council of Scotland, by which they sent his majesty word, that they had proclaimed him king of Scotland; and sent him the proclamation; and wished " that he would prepare himself to repair " into that his kingdom; in order to which they " would speedily send another invitation to him." And that invitation arrived at the same time with some commissioners deputed by the council, and three or four preachers sent from the commissioners of the kirk. The proclamation indeed declared, " for that as much as the late king was, contrary " to the dissent and protestation of that kingdom, " removed by a violent death, that, by the Lord's " blessing, there was left unto them a righteous " heir, and lawful successor, Charles, &c. who was " become their true and lawful king;" but upon condition of " his good behaviour, and strict obser-

" vation of the covenant, and his entertaining no " other persons about him but such as were godly " men, and faithful to that obligation." A proclamation so strangely worded, that, though it called him their king, manifested enough to him, that he was to be subject to their determinations, in all the parts of his government. And the commissioners, both laity and clergy, spoke no other language; and saving that they bowed their bodies, and made low reverences, they appeared more like ambassadors from a free state to an equal ally, than like subjects sent to their own sovereign. At the same time, though not in the same ship, arrived likewise from Scotland the earl of Lanrick, and earl of Lautherdale; the former not knowing, till he came into Holland, that he was duke Hamilton by the slaughter of his elder brother. But they two were so far from having any authority from their country, that they were fled from thence as proscribed persons and malefactors. The earl of Lautherdale, after his departure from the Hague, in that discontent that is mentioned before, bent his course for Scotland. But before he came thither, he was informed, that the state of all things had been reversed, and the engagement declared unlawful, and to what penalties himself was liable, if he should be taken. Whereupon, without suffering his ship to go into any port, he found means to send on shore to some friends, and so to concert all things, that, without being discovered, the earl of Lanrick, and some other persons, liable to danger if they were found, put themselves on board the same ship, and arrived in Holland about that time when the other messen-

gers from the state and from the kirk came from Scotland, and when the news came of the execution of duke Hamilton.

Whereupon the new duke kept his chamber for some days, without so much as waiting on the king; who sent a gracious message to him to condole for the loss of his brother; and all the lords, and other persons of quality about the king, made their visits to him with all civility. This duke was not inferior in wisdom, and parts of understanding, to the wisest man of that nation, and was very much esteemed by those who did not like the complying and insinuating nature of his brother. He was a man of great honour, courage, and sincerity in his nature, and, which was a rare virtue in the men of that time, was still the same man he pretended to be; and had very much to say in his own defence for the errors he had run into; which he acknowledged always with great ingenuity, and abhorred the whole proceedings of his countrymen; and, at this time, brought a heart and affection clearer and less clogged with scruples and reservations for the king's service, than any other of them did.

Though Cromwell, at his being in Scotland, had left Argyle in full possession of the government there, and had reduced and disbanded all those who were in arms against him, and promised him all necessary assistance to subdue those who should rise up in arms against him in that kingdom, and thereby compelled the committee of estates to convene and summon the parliament to assemble, which they had authority to do; and so he had suppressed the party of Hamilton, driven the earl of Lanrick to

hide himself in some obscure place, and condemned the engagement as unlawful and sinful, and all the persons who advanced and promoted it, as deserters of the covenant, and so to stand excommunicated, and not to be capable of serving in parliament, or in the council of estate; so that he was sure to find no opposition in whatsoever he proposed; yet, after the parliament had served him so far, when they heard that the parliament in England was broken, and their freedom and privileges were taken from them by the insolence and power of the army, (which they perfectly hated and detested, and all those sects and libertinism they heard were introduced in religion contrary to their covenant, which Cromwell himself had promised should be strictly observed,) they begun to examine, what the obligations were which were incumbent upon them even by the covenant itself. The delivery of the king's person into the hands of the parliament at Newcastle had been, in the instant it was done, the most unpopular and ungracious act to the whole nation of Scotland, that it had been ever guilty of, and to the army they had then on foot, which took itself to be deeply wounded by the infamy of it, and was therefore quickly disbanded by the wisdom of Argyle: and the general indignation against that action was the principal incitement to that general engagement with duke Hamilton, that the honour of the nation might in some degree be repaired, or redeemed. It was a gross oversight in the Hamiltonian party, and discerned then to be so by the earl of Lanrick, that, upon that popular advantage, in which he would have found an universal concurrence, Argyle himself

and all his faction had not been sacrificed to the redemption of the honour of their country. But that duke's politics did not lie that way; and, so he might return to his old post of favour in England, of which he made little doubt, he was not willing to give a new beginning to those bloody enterprises in Scotland, which, he knew well, used not to be shortlived in that climate after once begun, but had always fresh sacrifices of blood to perpetuate the memory of them.

They had no sooner heard of the erection of a high court of justice, and of a purpose of trying the king for his life, than, notwithstanding all the artifices Argyle could use, they were all in a flame. As well the assembly of the kirk, as the parliament, renewed the sense they always had of reproach in the delivery of his person, of which the present danger he was in was the consequence. And the marquis of Argyle had had too deep a share in that wickedness, to endure the shock of a new dispute, and inquisition upon that subject; and therefore gave not the least opposition to their passion; but seemed equally concerned in the honour of the nation, to prosecute an high expostulation with those of England, for the breach of faith, and the promises, which had been made for the safety and preservation of the king's person, at the time he was delivered up; and therefore proposed "that "commissioners should be forthwith sent to the "parliament at London, to require the performance "of what they had proposed, and to enter their dis-"sent and protestation against all their proceedings "against their king, in the name of the kingdom of "Scotland." And the earl of Lothian, and two

others, who were known to be most zealous for the covenant, and most enraged and incensed against the proceedings of the army, were made choice of, and presently sent away, that they might make all possible haste to Westminster, and were, immediately upon their arrival, to demand permission to wait upon the king, wherever he should be, and to receive from him such farther directions, as he should judge necessary for his service.

Thus far Argyle could not oppose; and therefore was as zealous as any man to advance it; knowing that the particular instructions must be prepared by a less number of men, and not subjected to the examination and perusal of so many. And in those, he was sure to prevent any inconvenient powers to be granted to the commissioners, with whom he had credit enough, having made the earl of Lothian secretary of state, in the place of the earl of Lanrick, and the other two being (however solicitous for the due observation of the covenant, as he himself likewise pretended to be) known to be most averse from the Hamiltonian party. Their private instructions were, "that they should not, in their "enlargements and aggravations upon the subject "of their message, seem to take notice, or to "imply, that any violence had been used against "the parliament, or any member of it: that they "should be so short in their amplifications, that "they gave no occasion of offence: that nothing "should proceed from them justifying the king's "proceedings, nor in approbation of the late en-"gagement, or which might import a breach, or "give, or be ground of a new war: they should "urge, that the parliament would delay to meddle

" with the king's person, according to their several " promises and declarations at Newcastle and at " Holmby: that if they should proceed to sentence " against the king, then they were to enter their " dissent and protest, that this kingdom may be " free from the miseries which will inevitably fol- " low, without offering in their reasons, that " princes are exempted from trial and justice: that " none in the parliament of Scotland hath or had " any hand in the proceedings against the king, " or members of parliament in England. If they " proceed, then to shew the calamities that will " follow, and how grievous it must be to the " kingdom of Scotland, considering his being de- " livered up at Newcastle: that if the papers " which were entitled, *The agreement of the people,* " appeared to be countenanced, and should import " any thing concerning the processing of the prince, " or changing the fundamental government of the " kingdom, they should enter their dissent: that they " should alter those their instructions, and manage " their trust therein, according to the advice they " should receive from their friends there: that " they should prosecute their instructions concern- " ing the covenant, and against any toleration: " that they should shew, that the king's last con- " cessions were unsatisfactory to those propositions " which they had made in point of religion."

These were their private instructions; and who those friends at London were, by whose advice they were to alter their instructions, or manage their trust therein, can be understood of no other men but Cromwell, and young sir Harry Vane; with whom Argyle held close correspondence.

The commissioners observed their instructions very faithfully, and, after the king had been twice brought before the high court of justice, they gave in their very calm protestation; in which they put them in mind, "that they had, near three weeks "before, represented to them what endeavours "had been used for taking away the king's life, "and for the change of the fundamental govern- "ment of the kingdom, and introducing a sinful "and ungodly toleration in matters of religion; "and that therein they had expressed their thoughts, "and fears of the dangerous consequences, that "might follow thereupon; and that they had "farther earnestly pressed, that there might be no "farther proceeding against his majesty's person, "which would certainly continue the great distrac- "tions of the kingdom, and involve them in many "evils, troubles, and confusions; but that, by the "free counsels of both houses of parliament of "England, and with the advice and consent of the "parliament of Scotland, such course might be "taken in relation to the king, as might be for the "good and happiness of both kingdoms; both "having an unquestionable and undeniable right in "his person, as king of both; which duly con- "sidered, they had reason to hope, that it would "have given a stop to all farther proceedings "against his majesty's person. But now under- "standing that after the imprisonment and ex- "clusion of divers members of the house of com- "mons, and without and against the consent of "the house of peers, by a single act of their own, "and theirs alone, power was given to certain "persons of their own members, of the army, and "some others, to proceed against his majesty's

" person, in order whereunto he had been brought " before that extraordinary new court; they did " therefore in the name of the parliament of Scot- " land, for their vindication from false aspersions " and calumnies, declare, that though they were " not satisfied with his majesty's late concessions, " in the treaty at Newport in the Isle of Wight, " especially in the matters of religion, and were " resolved not to crave his restoration to his " government, before satisfaction should be given " by him to that kingdom; yet they did all unani- " mously with one voice, not one member excepted, " disclaim the least knowledge of, or accession to, " the late proceedings of the army here against " the king; and did sincerely profess that it would " be a great grief to their hearts, and lie heavy " upon their spirits, if they should see the trusting " his majesty's person to the two houses of the " parliament of England to be made use of to his " ruin, contrary to the declared intentions of the " kingdom of Scotland, and solemn professions of " the kingdom of England: and to the end that it " might be manifest to the world, how much they " did abominate and detest so horrid a design " against his majesty's person, they did, in the " name of the parliament and kingdom of Scotland, " declare their dissent from the said proceedings, " and the taking away of his majesty's life; pro- " testing, that as they were altogether free from " the same, so they might be free from all the " miseries, evil confusions, and calamities, that " might follow thereupon to the distracted king- " doms."

Whoever considers the wariness in the wording and timing this protestation, the best end whereof

could be no other than the keeping the king always in prison, and so governing without him in both kingdoms, (which was thought to have been the purpose and agreement of Cromwell and Argyle when they parted,) must conclude that both the commissioners, and they who sent them, laboured and considered more, what they were to say in the future, than what they were to do to prevent the present mischief they seemed to apprehend. And the parliament best knew their temper, when they deferred taking notice of their protestation, till after they had executed their execrable villainy; and then they sent them an answer that might suit with all their palates. They said, "they had here-"tofore told them, what power this nation had in "the fundamentals of government: that if Scot-"land had not the same power and liberty, as they "went not about to confine them, so they would "not be limited by them, but leaving them to act "in theirs as they should see cause, they resolved "to maintain their own liberties as God should en-"able them. And as they were very far from impos-"ing upon them, so they should not willingly suffer "impositions from them, whilst God gave them "strength or lives to oppose them." They said, "the answer they made to their first and second "letter was, that after a long and serious delibera-"tion of their own intrinsical power, and trust, "(derived to them by the providence of God, "through the delegation of the people,) and upon "the like considerations of what themselves and "the whole nation had suffered from the mis-"government and tyranny of that king, both in "peace, and by the wars, and considering, how

" fruitlesss and full of danger and prejudice the " many addresses to him for peace had been, and " being conscious how much they had provoked " and tempted God, by the neglect of the impartial " execution of justice, in relation to the innocent " blood spilt and mischief done in the late wars, " they had proceeded in such a course of justice " against that man of blood, as they doubted not " the just God (who is no respecter of persons) did " approve and would countenance with his bless- " ings upon the nation; and though perhaps they " might meet with many difficulties before their " liberties and peace were settled, yet they hoped " they should be preserved from confusion, by the " good-will of him who dwelt in the bush, which " burned, and was not consumed; and that the " course they had taken with the late king, and " meant to follow towards others the capital ene- " mies of their peace, was, they hoped, that which " would be for the good and happiness of both na- " tions; of which if that of Scotland would think " to make use, and vindicate their own liberty and " freedom, (which lay before them, if they gave " them not away,) they would be ready to give " them all neighbourly and friendly assistance in " the establishing thereof; and desired them to " take it into their most serious consideration, " before they espoused that quarrel, which could " bring them no other advantage than the entailing " upon them, and their posterities, a lasting war, " with all the miseries which attended it, and " slavery under a tyrant and his issue."

It cannot be denied, but that Scotland had by this a fair invitation to have made themselves a

poor republic, under the shelter and protection of the other, that was already become terrible. But the commissioners, who well knew how unsuitable such a change would be to the constitution of their government, and that they might be welcome to their own country, whither they were now to repair, made a reply to this answer with more courage than they had yet expressed; for which, notwithstanding their qualification, they were imprisoned by the parliament; and, upon new instance from Scotland, set at liberty afterwards.

Matters being reduced to this state, the marquis of Argyle could not hinder the new king's being acknowledged and proclaimed king, nor from being invited home; which since he could not obstruct, it would be his masterpiece to clog the proclamation itself with such conditions as might terrify the new king from accepting the invitation; and therefore he caused this clause to be inserted in the body of the proclamation itself, "because his majesty is "bound, by the law of God and the fundamental "laws of this kingdom, to rule in righteousness "and equity to the honour of God, and the good "of religion, and the wealth of the people; it is "hereby declared, that before he be admitted to "the exercise of his royal power, he shall give sa-"tisfaction to this kingdom in those things which "concern the security of religion, the unity betwixt "the kingdoms, and the good and peace of this "kingdom, according to the national covenant and "solemn league and covenant; for which end, "they were resolved, with all possible expedition, "to make their humble and earnest address to his "majesty."

This was the proclamation that sir Joseph Douglass brought to the Hague, and the subject upon which the commissioners were to invite his majesty to go for Scotland, whose instructions were very suitable to the proclamation: and at the same time when the commissioners came from thence, Middleton, and some other officers, who had been in their last army, hearing that the prince was proclaimed king, thought it was seasonable to put themselves into a posture to serve him upon his arrival; and so assembled some of those troops which had formerly served under them in the north of Scotland; whereupon David Lesley was appointed forthwith, with a party of horse and foot, against those royalists, whom they knew to be real assertors of his cause, without any other interest or design than of their performing their duties, as loyal subjects ought to do: and the kirk at the same time declared, "that, before the king should be received, "albeit they had declared his right by succession, "he should first sign the covenant, submit to the "kirk's censure, renounce the sins of his father's "house, and the iniquity of his mother," with other things of the like nature. All which information arrived at the same time with the commissioners, that they who were about the king might not be too much exalted with their master's being declared king of one of his three kingdoms. And it was very manifest, by all that passed then and afterwards, that the marquis of Argyle meant only to satisfy the people, in declaring that they had a king, without which they could not be satisfied, but that such conditions should be put upon him, as he knew he would not submit to; and so he

should be able, with the concurrence of the kirk, to govern the kingdom, till, by Cromwell's assistance and advice, he might reverse that little approach he had made towards monarchy by proclaiming a king.

It was a great misfortune to the king, and which always attends courts which labour under great wants and necessities, that, whilst the greatest union imaginable amongst the few friends he had was necessary, and of too little power to buoy him up from the distresses which overwhelmed him, there was yet so great a faction and animosity amongst them, that destroyed any the most probable design that could offer itself; as it now fell out with reference to Scotland, which, if united, might yet be able to give reputation at least, if not a vigorous assistance to the king's interest.

The marquis of Mountrose, who hath been mentioned before, had been obliged by the late king to lay down his arms; and after he had performed such wonderful actions in Scotland, and left that kingdom upon his majesty's first coming into the Scottish army to Newcastle, had first arrived in France, and had not such a reception from the queen of England, and those who were in credit with her, as he thought the notable services he had performed for the king had merited. The truth is, he was somewhat elated with the great actions he had done; which, upon his first coming to Paris, he caused to be published in a full relation in Latin, dedicated to the prince of Wales; in which, as his own person, courage, and conduct was well extolled, so the reputation of all the rest of that nation (upon whose affections the queen at that

time depended) was exceedingly undervalued and suppressed; which obliged the queen and the prince to look less graciously upon him; which he could not bear without expressing much disturbance at it. He was then a man of *eclat*, had many servants, and more officers, who had served under him, and came away with him, all whom he expected the queen should enable him to maintain with some lustre, by a liberal assignation of monies. On the other hand, the queen was in straits enough, and never openhanded, and used to pay the best services with receiving them graciously, and looking kindly upon those who did them. And her graces were still more towards those who were like to do services, than to those who had done them. So that, after a long attendance, and some overtures made by him to cardinal Mazarine, to raise an army for the service of that king, which he did not think were received with that regard his great name deserved, the marquis left France, and made a journey into Germany to the emperor's court, desiring to see armies, till he could come to command them; and was returned to Brussels, about the time that the prince came back into Holland with the fleet; and lay there very privately, and as *incognito*, for some time, till he heard of the murder of the late king. Then he sent a servant over to the king with the tender of his service, and to know, "if "his majesty thought his attendance upon him "might bring any prejudice to his majesty; and if "so, that he would send over the chancellor of the "exchequer to Sevenbergh, a town in Flanders, "where he was at present to expect him, and had "matters to communicate to him of much import-

" ance to his majesty's service." Whether he did this out of modesty, and that he might first know his majesty's pleasure, or out of some vanity that was predominant in him, that he might seem to come to the king, after the coldness he had met at Paris, by a kind of treaty, the king commanded the chancellor presently to go to him; and, " if he " could, without exasperating him," (which he had no mind to do,) wished, " he might be persuaded " rather for some time to suspend his coming to " the Hague, than presently to appear there;" which was an injunction very disagreeable to the chancellor; who in his judgment believed his majesty should bid him very welcome, and prefer him before any other of that nation in his esteem.

The sudden violent frost, which shut up all the rivers in less than four and twenty hours, kept them at that time from meeting; but, within a short time after, and upon another message from him, they met at a village three or four miles off the Hague; whither the marquis had transported himself. The chancellor had never seen him from the time he had left Oxford, when he seemed to have very much modesty, and deference to the opinion and judgment of other men. But he had, since that time, done so many signal actions, won so many battles, and in truth made so great a noise in the world, that there appeared no less alteration to be in his humour and discourse, than there had been in his fortune. He seemed rather to have desired that interview, that he might the better know what advice to give the king, and how to make a party that would be fast to him, than out of any doubt that his presence would not be

acceptable to his majesty. There was yet no news from Scotland since the murder of the king, and he seemed to think of nothing but that the king would presently send him thither with some forces, to prepare the way for himself to follow after. They spent that night together in conference, and the next morning the chancellor prevailed with him, with great difficulty, that he would stay in that place, which did not abound with all things desirable, or somewhere else, until he might give him notice, what the king's sense should be of the matters discoursed between them; insisting principally, "that, if his going into Scotland should be "thought presently to be necessary, it would then "be as necessary, that he should not be taken "notice of publicly to have been with the king:" with which reason he seemed satisfied; and promised "not to come to the Hague, till he should "first receive advice from the chancellor." But when he heard of the commissioners being come from Scotland, and of the other lords' arrival there, he would no longer defer his journey thither, but came to the Hague well attended by servants and officers, and presented himself to the king; who received him with a very good countenance.

There were at this time in the Hague the commissioners who came from the council and the kirk to invite the king into Scotland, or rather to let him know upon what terms he might come thither, duke Hamilton, the earl of Lautherdale, and others of the nobility of that faction, who were now as odious, and as much persecuted by that party, which then governed Scotland, and which in that manner invited the king, as any men were who had served

the king from the beginning. There was also the marquis of Mountrose, with more of the nobility, as the earls of Seaford, and Kinoul, and others, who adhered to Mountrose, and believed his clear spirit to be most like to advance the king's service. Of these three parties, it might reasonably have been hoped that the two last, being equally persecuted by the power that governed, should have been easily united to have suppressed the other. But it was a business too hard for the king to bring to pass; and he could as easily have persuaded the parliament to reject Cromwell, as the lords of the engagement, and those who had joined with duke Hamilton, to be reconciled to Mountrose: so that when the king hoped to have drawn all the Scottish nobility together, to have consulted what answer he should give to the messages he had received from the council and the kirk, with which they themselves were enough offended, those lords of the engagement did not only refuse to meet with the lord Mountrose, but, as soon as he came into the room where they were, though his majesty himself was present, they immediately withdrew, and left the room; and had the confidence to desire the king, "that the marquis of Mountrose" (whom they called James Graham) "might be forbidden "to come into his majesty's presence, or court, "because he stood excommunicated by the kirk of "Scotland, and degraded and forfeited by the judi- "catory of that kingdom." This proposition and demand they made confidently in writing under their hands, and abounded so much in this sense, that a learned and worthy Scottish divine, Dr. Wishart, who was then chaplain to a Scottish regi-

ment in the service of the States, being appointed to preach before the king on the Sunday following, they formally besought the king, "that he would "not suffer him to preach before him, nor to come "into his presence, because he stood excommu-"nicated by the kirk of Scotland, for having re-"fused to take the covenant;" though it was known, that the true cause of the displeasure they had against that divine was, that they knew he was the author of the excellent relation of the lord Mountrose's actions in Scotland. This carriage and behaviour of those lords appeared ridiculous to all sober men, that any men should have the presumption to accuse those who had served the king with that fidelity, and were only branded by those rebellious judicatories for having performed their duties of allegiance, and to demand that the king himself should condemn them for having served his father: which made those of his majesty's council full of indignation at their insolence, and his majesty himself declared his being offended, by using the marquis of Mountrose with the more countenance, and hearing the doctor preach with the more attention. But from this very absurd behaviour, besides his majesty's desire being frustrated, of receiving the joint advice of the nobility of that kingdom in an affair that so much concerned himself and them; and besides the displeasure, and distance, that it caused between them and the king's council, (who thought the Scottish lords might as reasonably move the king, that they might be removed, who lay under the same brand and reproaches in England for adhering to the crown, as the other did in Scotland,) the king had reason to

be troubled with another apprehension, which was, that the marquis of Mountrose (who could not be ignorant of any thing which the other persons said or did) would, out of just indignation, take revenge upon those persons whom he contemned too much; and so that the peace of the country, where his majesty was but a guest, would be violated by his subjects, as it were in his own sight; which would make his absence from thence the more desired.

He, to whom this unreasonable animosity was most imputed, and who indeed was the great fomenter and prosecutor of it, was the earl of Lautherdale; whose fiery spirit was not capable of any moderation. One of the council conferring one day with him upon a subject that could not put him into passion, and so being in a very fair conversation, desired him "to inform him, what foul "offence the marquis of Mountrose had ever com- "mitted, that should hinder those to make a con- "junction with him, who, in respect of the rebels, "were in as desperate a condition as himself, and "who could not more desire the king's restitution "than he did." The earl told him calmly enough, "that he could not imagine or conceive the bar- "barities and inhumanities Mountrose was guilty "of, in the time he made a war in Scotland; that "he never gave quarter to any man, but pursued "all the advantages he ever got, with the utmost "outrage and cruelty: that he had in one battle "killed fifteen hundred of one family, of the Camp- "bels, of the blood and name of Argyle, and that "he had utterly rooted out several names and "entire noble families." The other told him, "that it was the nature and condition of that war,

" that quarter was given on neither side; that " those prisoners which were taken by the Scots, " as once they did take some persons of honour of " his party, were afterwards in cold blood hanged " reproachfully, which was much worse than if they " had been killed in the field;" and asked him, " if Mountrose had ever caused any man to die in " cold blood, or after the battle was ended; since " what was done in it *flagrante*, was more to be " imputed to the fierceness of his soldiers, than to " his want of humanity." The earl confessed, " that he did not know he was guilty of any thing " but what was done in the field;" but concluded with more passion, " that his behaviour there was " so savage, that Scotland would never forgive " him." And in other company, where the same subject was debated, he swore with great passion, " that though he wished nothing more in this " world than to see the king restored, he had " much rather that he should never be restored, " than that James Graham should be permitted to " come into the court:" of which declaration of his the king was informed by William Legg and sir William Armorer, who were both present at the Hague, and in the company, when he said it.

There was at that time in the Hague the lord Newburgh, who, after the murder of the late king, was compelled, together with his wife, the lady Aubigney, to fly out of England, Cromwell every day making discoveries of correspondences which had been between the king and them. And thereupon they made an escape from thence, and came to the Hague. The lady had, in the life of her former husband the lord Aubigney, and during the

time of her widowhood, held much friendship with the chancellor, and was very willing it should continue with her new husband, whom he had not seen before; he having been too young to have had a part in the former war, had been then sent, by his majesty's direction, to be bred in France; from whence he returned not till his majesty was in the hands of the Scottish army; and from that time he performed all the offices of fidelity and duty to the king, that a generous and worthy person could find any opportunity for: with which his majesty was abundantly satisfied and pleased: and he now transported himself and his wife into Holland, that he might leave her there, and himself attend the king in any expedition.

This lady was a woman of a very great wit, and most trusted and conversant in those intrigues, which at that time could be best managed and carried on by ladies, who with less jealousy could be seen in all companies: and so she had not been a stranger to the most secret transactions with the Scots, and had much conversation with the lord Lanrick, during the time the king was at Hampton Court, and whilst he stayed afterwards in London, when the king was imprisoned in the Isle of Wight; and being now both in the Hague, they had much conversation together. She had likewise had long acquaintance and friendship with one of the council, who, she knew, had been as much trusted as any by the father, and was believed to have credit with the present king. She lamented those divisions amongst the Scots, which every body spoke of, and every body knew the disorder they produced in the king's councils; and said, "she desired nothing

" more, than that there were a good understanding " between duke Hamilton and him; which," she said, " she was sure would easily be, if they two " had but once a frank conference together." The other, who indeed had an esteem for the duke, seemed very desirous of it: and she thereupon told him, that " the duke had expressed to her, " that he would be willing to embrace the occa- " sion:" and it was so concerted, that within a day or two they met as by chance at her lodgings. And she so dexterously introduced them to a civility towards each other, and to express their inclinations to a mutual freedom, that after an hour's general conversation there, to which she left them, and went herself abroad, they parted with fair professions of future good will; and the other promised to visit the duke the next morning early, that they might have the more time without being interrupted; and he was with him accordingly, and found him in his bed. They continued together near two hours, the duke having commanded his servant to tell any who came to visit him, that he was asleep. The other spoke of " the proclama- " tion, and the manner of inviting the king into " Scotland, and of the strange spirit that possessed " those who governed there, and persuaded them " to imagine it possible, that the king could ever " be persuaded to take the covenant, or that it " could be of advantage to him to do so; since it " could not but much alienate the affections of all " that party in England that had served his father, " upon whom he ought chiefly to depend for his " restoration to the government of that kingdom." Then he spoke of " the differences and jealousies

" which were between those of that nation who
" had an equal desire to serve the king, and seemed
" to be equally prosecuted by the party that now
" prevailed, which had excluded both:" and wished
" that some expedient might be found out to unite
" all those; and particularly that his grace and the
" marquis of Mountrose might be reconciled; to-
" wards which," he said, " he was sure that the
" marquis had great inclination, and had always
" esteemed him a man of honour; which appeared
" by the book which was published, where he was
" always worthily mentioned, though he had not
" dealt so well with many others."

When the duke had heard him with very civil attention, he told him as to the first part, " con-
" cerning the proclamation, and the manner of
" inviting the king to come to them, he was not to
" make any other judgment by it, than only of the
" person of the marquis of Argyle; who, with the
" assistance of some few ministers, and others his
" creatures, did at present govern: that Argyle
" well knew there was an absolute necessity, in
" respect of the whole people, to proclaim the king
" after the murder of his father; and therefore he
" could find no other way to keep him from coming
" thither, but by clogging the proclamation and
" message with those unworthy expressions, which
" might deter him from putting himself into their
" hands; which Argyle did not wish he should do,
" because in his absence he was sure he should
" govern all, being well agreed with Cromwell how
" the government should be carried; and so the
" king might be kept out, Cromwell would support
" him against all other parties; but that they both

" knew well enough, that, if his majesty were once " there, the whole nation would stick to him and " obey him." He confessed, " that there was " generally so great a superstition for the covenant, " that whosoever should speak against it for the " present, would lose all credit, though he did " acknowledge it had done much mischief, and " would do more whilst it should be insisted upon; " but," he said, " that must be a work of time, " and an effect of the king's government: which " would find it necessary, in many other respects, " to lessen the power of the ministers; which being " lessened, the reverence of the covenant would " quickly fall too; and till then, he, and all men, " must have patience. For the second," he said, " he wished heartily that there could be a union " of all parties which desired the king's restoration, " and that the animosity against the marquis of " Mountrose might be extinguished. For his own " part, that he had only one quarrel against him, " which was that, by his unjust calumnies and pro- " secution, he had driven him into rebellion; which " nothing else could have done. And for that he " always asked God forgiveness from his heart, and " desired nothing more than to repair his fault by " losing his life for the king; and would, with all " his heart, join to-morrow with the marquis of " Mountrose, in carrying on the king's service, " though he did believe, in that conjuncture, the " animosity against the marquis was so great, that, " if he should declare such an inclination, all his " own friends would fall from him, and abhor him." He said, " his own condition was very hard; for " that having been always bred up in the church of

" England, for which he had a great reverence, he " was forced to comply with the covenant; which " he perfectly detested, and looked upon it as the " ruin of his nation; and would be as glad as any " man of a good opportunity to declare against it. " But," said he, " I dare not say this; and if I did, " I should have no power or credit to serve the " king. There is," said he, " a very worthy gen- " tleman, who lodges in this house, the earl of " Lautherdale, my friend and my kinsman; who, " upon my conscience, loves me heartily; and yet " I dare say nothing of this to him, either against " the covenant, or for the marquis of Mountrose: " and, if I should, I believe he would rather choose " to kill me, than to join with me: so much he is " transported with prejudice in both these particu- " lars, and so incapable to hear reason upon either " of those arguments, though, in all other things, " few men have a better understanding, or can dis- " course more reasonably."

Whilst they continued in all possible freedom in this conference, the earl of Lautherdale, who it seems was informed of the other's being there, came in his nightgown into the chamber, and so broke off the discourse. The other, after sitting some time in general conversation, departed. And there continued afterwards all civility between the duke and him. But as himself told the lady Aubigney, who shortly after died there, " he could not, " without giving jealousy to his friend Lautherdale, " which he had no mind to do, spend so much time " with the other in private as he could have been " willing to have done:" and the death of that lady lessened the opportunities.

In this unsteady and irresolute condition of the king's council, it was very manifest, that, how long soever his majesty should defer the resolution, to what place he would remove, he should not be able to stay long in the place where he was. The States, especially those of Holland, let fall somewhat every day in their councils and consultations, "that the king's residing in the Hague would be "very inconvenient to them;" and it was the great interest of the prince of Orange, not without much dexterity, that kept the States from sending a message directly to his majesty, to desire him, "that he would depart from that country, as soon "as he could." And there happened an accident at this time, which made the resolution necessary, and would inevitably have drawn on that message, which had yet been kept back.

It was touched before, that there was a purpose at London, to send over an envoy from thence into Holland, to prepare the way for a farther good intelligence and negociation, which might end in a firm peace, and a reciprocal alliance between the two republics. To that purpose one Dorislaus, a doctor in the civil law, was named; who, being born in Delpht in Holland, had been bred at Leyden, and afterwards lived long in London, having been received into Gresham college as a professor in one of those chairs which are endowed for public lectures in that society, and had been, from the beginning of the troubles, in the exercise of the judge advocate's office in the earl of Essex's army. In this conjuncture this man arrived at the Hague, and took his lodging in a house where strangers used to repair, and were accommodated till they

provided otherwise for their better accommodation. Whilst he was at supper, the same evening that he came to the town, in company of many others who used to eat there, half a dozen gentlemen entered the room with their swords drawn, and required those who were at the table " not to stir; for that " there was no harm intended to any but the agent " who came from the rebels in England, who had " newly murdered their king." And one of them, who knew Dorislaus, pulled him from the table, and with a dagger killed him at his feet: and thereupon they all put up their swords, and walked leisurely out of the house, leaving those who were in the room, in much amazement and consternation. Though all who were engaged in the enterprise went quietly away, and so out of the town, insomuch as no one of them was ever apprehended, or called in question, yet they kept not their own counsel so well, (believing they had done a very heroic act,) but that it was generally known they were all Scottish men, and most of them servants or dependants upon the marquis of Mountrose.

The king was exceedingly troubled and perplexed with this accident, which he could not foresee, and easily discerned that it would be applied to his prejudice; and that the States could not but highly resent it, in many respects; that the man who was killed was in truth their own subject, and employed to them, as a public minister, by those with whom they had no mind to have any quarrel. Upon all which his majesty concluded, that his presence there would quickly appear more unacceptable than ever: besides, that there had been

the same night some quarrels and fighting in the streets between some servants of the king and some gentlemen of the town; in which a son of one of the States was dangerously hurt, though he recovered afterwards.

It cannot be denied but that the States proceeded upon these disorders, to which they had not been accustomed, with great gravity, and more than ordinary respect to the king. They were highly offended with what was past, and sensible what expostulations and clamour for justice they must expect, and sustain from England, and what reproaches they must undergo for suffering all those who had been guilty of such a crime, to escape the ministers of justice; which could not but be imputed to them, as a great scandal to their government: yet they proceeded very slowly in their inquisition, and with such formalities as were usual, (and which could bring no prejudice to the offenders; who were either gone out of their dominions, or concealed themselves in other towns, where the same formalities were to be used, if they were discovered,) and without so much reflection upon the king, as if they believed that the guilty persons had any relation to his service: yet they took notice of "the multitude of strangers "which were in the town, and how impossible it "would be for them to preserve the peace and "good government thereof, if such resort were "not restrained." They aggravated exceedingly "the indignity that had been offered to the state "itself, in the attempt that had been made upon a "person under their protection, and for whose "safety the public faith was, upon the matter,

" engaged;" with insinuation enough, " that it " would be fit for the king to remove from thence." Of all which his majesty receiving advertisement, he thought it better himself to give them notice of his purpose to leave them, than to expect a plain injunction from them to do so. He found this the more necessary to be done, since from the time that the Scottish commissioners were come thither, they had taken great pains to infuse into the opinions of that people, " that they were sent " from the kingdom of Scotland, that was entirely " and unanimously at his majesty's disposal, to in- " vite him to repair thither, and to take possession " of his government there, where there was al- " ready an army preparing to assist him towards the " recovery of his other dominions; but that there " was a party of evil counsellors about his majesty, " who dissuaded him from accepting that their " invitation, except they would be content to " change the government of their church, and to " establish episcopacy there again." And by these insinuations they persuaded many of the States to believe, that the defence of bishops, for whom they had no regard, was the sole difference between the king and them, which kept the king from going into Scotland: so that the king was not without some apprehension, that, by that mistake and false information, the States might give him advice to accept the Scots' invitation. And therefore he sent to the States of Holland, " that he had a " desire to say somewhat to them, if they would " assign him an audience the next day;" which they readily did.

The king was received in the same manner he

had been formerly, and being conducted into the room of council, after a short compliment, he delivered a paper to them, which he desired might be read, and that he might receive their advice thereupon as soon as they pleased. The memorial contained, in the first place, his majesty's acknowledgment of the civilities he had received there, and his desire "that by them the States General" (who were not at that time assembled) "might be informed of such his majesty's sense of their "favours; especially in the full and high detestation they had expressed of the impious and "unparalleled murder of his royal father of "blessed memory, their fast and unshaken ally, "by which the forms and rules of all kind of "government were no less violated and dissolved, "than that of monarchy: that he came to inform "them that he did intend, in a short time, so to "dispose of his person, as might with God's "blessing most probably advance his affairs; and "that for the better doing thereof, and that he "might in so important an affair receive their particular advice, he should impart to them the "true state and condition of his several dominions. "That he needed not inform them of the deplorable condition of his kingdom of England, where "the hearts and affections of his loyal subjects "were so depressed and kept under by the power "and cruelty of those who had murdered their "late sovereign, and who every day gave fresh "and bloody instances of their tyranny, to fright "men from their allegiance, that for the present "no man could believe that miserable kingdom "could be fit for his majesty to trust his person in:

" that in Scotland, it is very true, that his majesty " is proclaimed king, but with such limitations and " restrictions against his exercise of his royal " power, that in truth they had only given him the " name, and denied him the authority: that above " five parts of six of the nobility and chief gentry " of that kingdom were likewise excluded from " their just right, and from any part in the admin- " istration of the public affairs; so that that king- " dom seemed not sufficiently prepared for his " majesty's reception; but that he hoped, and " doubted not, that there would be in a short time " a perfect union and right understanding between " all his subjects of that his kingdom, and a due " submission and obedience from them all to his " majesty, for that he was resolved (and had never " had the least purpose to the contrary) to pre- " serve and maintain the government of church " and state in that kingdom, as it is established by " the laws thereof, without any violation or alter- " ation on his part: so that there could be no " difference between him and his subjects of that " kingdom, except they should endeavour, and " press his majesty to alter the laws and govern- " ment of his other kingdoms; which as it would " be very unreasonable to desire, so it is not in " his power to do if he should consent, and join " with his subjects of Scotland to that purpose: " which made him confident, that, when they had " throughly weighed and considered what was " good for themselves, as well as for him, they " would acquiesce with enjoying the laws and pri- " vileges of that kingdom, without desiring to " infringe or impose upon those of their brethren

" and neighbours." And his majesty desired the States, " that if any persons had endeavoured to " make any impressions upon them, that he hath " or ever had any other intentions or desires, with " reference to his subjects of Scotland, than what " himself now expressed to them to have, that " they would give no credit to them: and assured " them, that they should always find him constant " to those resolutions, and especially, that all ways " and means which might lead to the advancement " and propagation of the protestant religion should " be so heartily embraced by him, that the world " should have cause to believe him to be worthy " of his title of *Defender of the faith*, which he " valued as his greatest attribute."

This being the true present condition of his two kingdoms of England and Scotland, and it being necessary for his majesty, to give life to the afflicted state of his affairs by his own personal activity and vigour, he told them, " there remained only, that " he should impart to them the like state of his " other kingdom of Ireland; which had likewise " sent to him, and desired him to repair thither " with great importunity: that the marquis of " Ormond, his lieutenant there, had concluded a " peace with the Roman catholics; and that there- " by his majesty was entirely possessed of three " parts of four of that his large and fruitful king- " dom, and of the command of good armies, and " of many good ships to be joined to his own " fleet; and that he had reason to hope and to " believe that Dublin itself, and the few other " places, which had submitted to the rebellious " power in England, either already were, upon the

" knowledge of that odious parricide, returned to " their allegiance, or would speedily be reduced; " of which he expected every day to receive ad- " vertisement; which if it should fall out, yet he " foresaw many objections might be made against " his going thither, not only in regard of the diffi- " culty and danger of his passage, but of the " jealousies which would arise upon the large con- " cessions which were made unto the Roman " catholics of that kingdom; which could not be " avoided." And having thus given them a clear information of the state of his three kingdoms, his majesty concluded with his desire, " that the States " would give him their advice as freely, to which " of them he should repair; and that they would " give him all necessary assistance that he might " prosecute their counsel."

Many men had great fear that the king would have brought great prejudice to himself by this communication, and, upon the matter, obliged himself to follow their advice; which they apprehended would be contrary to his own judgment. For nothing was more commonly discoursed among the Dutch, and by many of the States themselves, than " that the king ought, without delay, to " throw himself into the arms of Scotland, and to " gratify them in all they desired: that bishops " were not worth the contending for; and that the " supporting them had been the ruin of his father, " and would be his, if he continued in the same " obstinacy." But the king knew well that they would not so much concern themselves in his broken affairs, as to give him advice what to do: and it was necessary for him to get a little more

time, upon some occurrences which would every day happen, before he took a positive resolution which way to steer: for though, in his own opinion, Ireland was the place to which he was to repair, yet he knew that, notwithstanding the peace that was made, there were several parties still in arms there, besides those who adhered to the parliament, who refused to submit to that peace. Though the general council at Kilkenny (which had been always looked upon as the representative of the confederate catholics of that kingdom, and to which they had always submitted) had fully consented to the treaty of peace with the lord lieutenant, yet Owen O'Neile, who had the command of all the Irish in Ulster, and who was looked upon as the best general they had, totally refused to submit to it, and positively protested against it, as not having provided for their interest; and that council was not sorry for his separation, there being little less animosity between those of Ulster and the other Irish, than was between them both and the English: and they knew that O'Neile more insisted upon recompense in lands and preferments, than upon any provision that concerned religion itself. Then the Scots in Ulster, who were very numerous, and under good discipline, and well provided with arms and ammunition, would not submit to the commands of the lord lieutenant; but were resolved to follow the example of their countrymen, and to see the king admitted and received, as well as proclaimed, before they would submit to his authority: which made the marquis of Ormond the less troubled at the obstinacy of O'Neile, (though he had used all the means he had to draw him in,)

since he presumed the Scots and he would mortify each other, during the time that he should spend in making himself strong enough to suppress them both: for the Scots who would not join with the marquis were very vigorous in prosecuting the war against O'Neile, and the Irish of Ulster. These divisions, factions, and confusions in Ireland, made the king the more solicitous that his council should be unanimous for his going thither, at least that the Scots, how virulent soever against each other, should all concur in their advice, "that it was not "yet seasonable for him to go for Scotland;" which made him labour so much to bring the Hamiltonians, and those who followed Mountrose, whom he believed both to be of that opinion, to meet together, and to own it jointly to the king in council: but it is said before how impossible it was to obtain that conjunction.

When the king found that it was not possible to bring the lords of the Scottish nation together to confer upon the affairs of that kingdom, he thought to have drawn them severally, that is, those of the engagement by themselves, and the marquis of Mountrose with his friends by themselves, to have given him their advice in the presence of his council, that so, upon debate thereof between them, his majesty might the more maturely have determined what he was to do. The marquis of Mountrose expressed a great willingness to give his majesty satisfaction this or any other way, being willing to deliver his opinion concerning things, or persons, before any body, and in any place. But the lords of the engagement positively refused to deliver their opinion, but to the king himself, and not in

the presence of his council; which, they said, "would be to confess a kind of subordination of "the kingdom of Scotland, which was independent "on the council of England;" and duke Hamilton told the counsellor, with whom he had before so freely conversed, and who expostulated with him upon it, "that it was the only ground of the heavy "judgment in parliament against the earl of Tra-"quair, that, having been the king's commissioner "in Scotland, he gave account to the king of his "transactions, and of the affairs of that kingdom, "at the council table in England; whereof he was "likewise a member; so jealous that kingdom "was, and still is, of their native privileges;" and therefore desired, "that he might not be pressed "to do what had been so penal to another in his "own sight."

The king satisfied himself with having all their opinions delivered to himself, subscribed under all their hands, which every one consented to: though most of them would have been glad that the king would have gone into Scotland, upon what condescensions soever; because they all believed his presence would quickly turn all, and that they should be quickly restored to their estates, which they cared most for; yet nobody presumed to give that advice, or seemed to think it seasonable. So that the king resumed the former debate of going directly for Ireland, and direction was given for providing ships, and all other things necessary for that voyage. There remained only one doubt, whether his majesty should take France in his way, that he might see his mother, who by letters and messages pressed him very earnestly so to do;

or whether he should embark in Holland directly for Ireland; which would be less loss of time, and might be done so early in the spring, before the parliament's fleet should put to sea.

They who did not wish that the queen should exercise any power over the king, or have too much credit with him, were against his going into France, as "an occasion of spending more time "than his affairs would permit, and an obligation "to make a greater expense than he had, or knew "where to have, means to defray:" and they thought it an argument of moment, "that, from "the time of the murder of his father, the king "had neither received letter of condolement from "France, nor the least invitation to go thither." On the other side, they who wished and hoped that the queen would have such an influence upon the king that his council should have less credit with him, desired very much that his majesty would make France his way. The Scots desired it very much, believing they should find her majesty very propitious to their counsels, and inclined to trust their undertakings; and they were very sure that Mountrose would never go to Paris, or have credit with the queen.

The prince of Orange, and the princess royal his wife, had a great desire to gratify the queen, and that the king should see her in the way; and proposed, "that his majesty might appoint a "place, where the queen and he might meet, "without going to Paris; and, after three or four "days stay together, his majesty might hasten his "journey to some convenient port, from whence "he might embark for Ireland by a shorter pas-

" sage than from Holland; and the prince of " Orange would appoint two ships of war, to at- " tend his majesty in that French port, before he " should get thither." His majesty inclined this way, without positively resolving upon it; yet directed " that his own goods of bulk, and his inferior " servants, should be presently embarked to take " the quickest passage to Ireland;" and directed " that the rest, who were to wait upon his person, " should likewise send their goods and baggage, " and such servants who were not absolutely ne- " cessary for their present service, upon the same " ships for Ireland;" declaring, " that, if he made " France his way, he would make all possible " haste, and go with as light a train as he could." Hereupon two ships were shortly after provided, and many persons (and great store of baggage) embarked for Ireland, and arrived there in safety; but most of the persons, and all the goods, miscarried in their return, when they knew that the king was not to come thither, upon the accidents that afterwards fell out there.

This resolution being taken, the lord Cottington, who had a just excuse from his age, being then seventy-five years old, to wish to be in some repose, considered with himself how to become disentangled from the fatigue of those voyages and journeys, which he saw the king would be obliged to make. In Holland he had no mind to stay, having never loved that people, nor been loved by them; and the climate itself was very pernicious to his health, by reason of the gout, which frequently visited him. France was as ungrateful to him, where he had not been kindly treated, and was

looked upon as one who had been always addicted to Spain, and no friend to the crown of France; so that he was willing to find a good occasion to spend the remainder of his age where he had spent so much of his youth, in Spain, and where he believed that he might be able to do the king more service than any other way. And there was newly come to the Hague an English gentleman, who had been an officer in the king's army, and was at Madrid when the news came thither of the murder of the king: and he related many particulars of the passion and indignation of that court, upon that occasion, against the rebels; that "the "king, and all the court, put themselves into "solemn mourning;" (and he repeated some expressions which the king and don Lewis de Haro had made of tenderness and compassion for our king;) and that "the king of Spain spoke of "sending an ambassador to his majesty."

These relations, and any thing of that kind, how weakly soever founded, were very willingly heard. And from hence the lord Cottington took occasion to confer with the chancellor of the exchequer (with whom he held a strict friendship, they living and keeping house together) of "the ill condition "the king was in, and that he ought to think, "what prince's kindness was like to be of most "use and benefit to his majesty, and from whom "he might hope to receive a sum of money; if "not as much as might serve for a martial expe-"dition, yet such an annual exhibition as might "serve for his support: that he had already expe-"rience of France, and knew well the intelligence "that the cardinal had at that very time with

" Cromwell: but he did verily believe, that if the " king of Spain were dexterously treated with, " and not more asked of him than could consist " with his affairs to spare, a good yearly support " might be procured there, and the expectation of " it might be worth the king's sending an ambas- " sador thither." He said, " he was more of that " opinion since the king had taken the resolution " of going for Ireland; where the king of Spain's " credit might be of great benefit to him: that " Owen O'Neile, with the old Irish of Ulster, were " still in arms against the king; and would not " submit to the conditions which the general coun- " cil of the confederate catholics had consented to " with the marquis of Ormond: that O'Neile had " been bred in Spain, and had a regiment in Flan- " ders, and so must have an absolute dependence " upon his catholic majesty, for whom all the old " Irish had ever had a particular devotion; and if " it were only to dispose him and that people to " the king's obedience, and to accept those con- " ditions which might conveniently be given to " them, it were well worth such a journey; and " the king of Spain would never refuse to gratify " the king to the utmost that could be desired in " that particular." The chancellor thought this discourse not unreasonable, and asked him, " who " would be fit to be sent thither?" not imagining that he had any thought of going thither himself. He answered, " that, if the king would be advised " by him, he should send them two thither, and he " did believe they should do him very good service;" at which the chancellor smiled, thinking he had only spoke in jest, and so the discourse ended.

The next day the lord Cottington resumed it again, and told him that he was not only in very good earnest in his former discourse, but that it was not sudden, nor without very serious deliberation. He said he might be thought principally to consider himself, that he might have the comfort of a friend whom he loved so well; but he assured him that did not prevail with him, but purely the consideration of the king's service, with a due regard to the person of the chancellor, who he thought ought to be pleased with the employment. That himself was old, and not fit to be relied on alone, in an affair of that weight; he might probably die upon the way, or shortly after his coming thither, and thus the whole affair, how hopeful soever, must miscarry; whereas if he were with him, the business would proceed upon all events, and he would have no occasion to repent the experience of such a negociation and the knowledge of such a court, when he could not spend his time more pleasantly or more profitably: that he would take no great pleasure in France, nor find much grace with the queen; and if the king delayed his journey for Ireland so long as he was like to do, if he would be advised by his mother, they might make their journey into Spain, and with so good success, that the chancellor might embark in a convenient port from Spain, and arrive in Ireland as soon as the king, with those advantages of arms, ammunition, and other supplies, as would make him very welcome. These conferences continued for some days between themselves, when they were alone, and when they came tired from other consultations.

The chancellor was weary of the company he was in, and the business, which, having no prospect but towards despair, was yet rendered more grievous by the continual contentions and animosities between persons. He knew he was not in the queen's favour at all, and should find no respect in that court. However, he was very scrupulous, that the king might not suspect that he was weary of his attendance, or that any body else might believe that he withdrew himself from waiting longer upon so desperate a fortune. In the end, he told the lord Cottington, "that he would only be passive in the point, "and refer it entirely "to him, if he thought fit to dispose the king to "like it by all the arguments he could use; and if "the king approved it so much as to take notice "of it to the chancellor, and commend it as a "thing he thought for his service, he would sub-"mit to his command, and very cheerfully accom-"pany him through the employment;" with which Cottington was very well pleased, taking upon him what concerned the king.

The lord Cottington's heart was much set upon this employment, and he knew well, that if it took air before the king was well prepared and resolved, it would be much opposed as to the chancellor's part; because many who did not love him, yet thought his presence about the king to be of some use, therefore would do all they could to divert his going: and therefore he managed it so warily with the king, and presented the whole scheme to him so dexterously, that his majesty was much pleased with it, and approved it, and spake of it to the chancellor as a business he liked, and promised

himself much good from it, and therefore persuaded him to undertake it cheerfully. Whereupon the chancellor desired him to think well of it, for he was confident many would dissuade his majesty from employing him that way; therefore he only besought him, that when he was so far resolved upon it as to publish it, he would not be afterwards prevailed with to change his purpose; which the king said he would not do; and shortly after declared his resolution publicly to send the lord Cottington and the chancellor of the exchequer his ambassadors extraordinary into Spain, and commanded them to prepare their own commission and instructions, and to begin their journey as soon as was possible. This was no sooner known, than all kinds of people, who agreed in nothing else, murmured and complained of this counsel, and the more, because it had never been mentioned or debated in council. Only the Scots were very glad of it, (Mountrose excepted,) believing that when the chancellor was gone, their beloved covenant would not be so irreverently mentioned, and that the king would be wrought upon to withdraw all countenance and favour from the marquis of Mountrose: and the marquis himself looked upon it as a deserting him, and complying with the other party; and from that time, though they lived with civility towards each other, he withdrew very much of his confidence, which he had formerly reposed in him. They who loved him were sorry for him and themselves; they thought he deserted a path he had long trod, and was well acquainted with, and was henceforward to move *extra sphæram activitatis*, in an office he had not

been acquainted with; and then they should want his credit to support and confirm them in the king's favour and grace. And there were many who were very sorry when they heard it, out of particular duty to the king, who being young, they thought might be without that counsel and advertisements which they knew well he would still administer to him. No man was more angry and offended with the counsel than the lord Colepepper, who would have been very glad to have gone himself in the employment, if he could have persuaded the lord Cottington to have accepted his company, which he could by no means do; and though he and the chancellor were not thought to have the greatest kindness for each other, yet he knew he could agree with no other man so well in business, and was very unwilling he should be from the person of the king. But the chancellor himself, from the time that the king had signified his own pleasure to him, was exceedingly pleased with the commission, and did believe that he should in some degree improve his understanding and very much refresh his spirits, by what he should learn by the one, and by his absence from being continually conversant with those wants which could never be severed from that court, and that company which would be always corrupted by those wants. And so he sent for his wife and children to meet him at Antwerp, where he intended they should reside whilst he continued in Spain, and where they were like to find some civilities, in respect of his employment.

Before the king could begin his own journey for France, and so to Ireland, and before his ambassa-

dors for Spain could begin theirs, his majesty thought it necessary, upon the whole prospect of his affairs with reference to all places, to put his business into as good a method as he could, and to dispose of that number of officers, and soldiers, and other persons, who had presented themselves to be applied to his service, or to leave them to take the best course they could for their own subsistence. Of these, many were sent into Ireland with the ships which carried the king's goods, with recommendation to the marquis of Ormond, "to "put them into his army till the king came "thither." Since the Scots were no better disposed to serve, or receive the king for the present, his majesty was resolved to give the marquis of Mountrose all the encouragement he desired to visit them, and to incline them to a better temper.

There was then at the Hague Cornificius Wolfelte, ambassador extraordinary from the king of Denmark to the States General; who came with a great train and great state, and was himself a man of vanity and ostentation, and took pains to be thought so great a man by his own interest, that he did not enough extol the power of his master; which proved his ruin after his return. He had left Denmark before the news came thither of the murder of the king, and so he had no credentials for his majesty, by reason whereof he could not receive any public formal audience; but desired "the king's leave that he might, as by accident, be "admitted to speak to him at the queen of Bohe-"mia's court;" where his majesty used to be every day; and there the ambassador often spoke to him. The marquis of Mountrose had found

means to endear himself much to this ambassador, who gave him encouragement to hope for a very good reception in Denmark, if the king would send him thither, and that he might obtain arms and ammunition there for Scotland. The ambassador told him, "that, if the king would write a "letter to him to that purpose, he would presently "supply him with some money and arms, in "assurance that his master would very well ap-"prove of what he should do." The marquis of Mountrose well knew that the king was not able to supply him with the least proportion of money to begin his journey; and therefore he had only proposed, "that the king would give him seve-"ral letters, in the form he prescribed, to several "princes in Germany, whose affections he pre-"tended to know;" which letters he sent by several officers, who were to bring the soldiers or arms they should obtain, to a rendezvous he appointed near Hamburg; and resolved himself to go into Sweden and Denmark, in hope to get supplies in both those places, both from the crowns, and by the contribution of many Scottish officers, who had command and estates in those countries; and so to have credentials, by virtue of which he might appear ambassador extraordinary from the king, if he should find it expedient; though he did intend rather to negociate his business in private, and without any public character. All this was resolved before his confidence, at least his familiarity, with the ambassador was grown less. But, upon the encouragement he had from him, he moved the king "for his letter to the ambassador, "to assist the marquis of Mountrose with his ad-

" vice, and with his interest in Denmark, and in " any other court, to the end that he might obtain " the loan of monies, arms, and ammunition, and " whatever else was necessary to enable the mar- " quis to prosecute his intended descent into Scot- " land." The king, (who was exceedingly tired with his importunities,) glad that he did not press for ready money, which he was not able to supply him with, gave him such letters as he desired to all persons, and particularly to the ambassador himself, who, having order from his master to present the king with a sum of money for his present occasions, never informed the king thereof, but advised Mountrose to procure such a letter from his majesty to him; which being done, the marquis received that money from him, and likewise some arms; with which he begun his unfortunate enterprise; and prosecuted his journey to Hamburg; where he expected to meet his German troops, which he believed the officers he had sent thither with the king's letters would be well able to raise, with the assistance of those princes to whom they had been sent. But he was carried on by a stronger assurance he had received from some prophecies and predictions, to which he was naturally given, " that he should by his valour recover " Scotland for the king, and from thence conduct " an army that should settle his majesty in all his " other dominions."

There had been yet nothing done with reference to England since the murder of the king; nor did there appear any thing, of any kind, to be attempted as yet there: there was so terrible a consternation, that still possessed the spirits of that

people, that though men's affections were greater, and more general for the king, out of the horror and detestation they had of the late parricide, yet the owning it was too penal for their broken courage; nor was it believed possible for any man to contribute any thing, at present, for their deliverance. However, most men were of opinion, "that it was necessary for the king to publish "some declaration, that he might not seem utterly "to give over his claim there; and to keep up the "spirits of his friends." And many from England, who in the midst of their despair would give some counsel, advised, "that there might be somewhat "published by the king that might give some "check to the general submitting to the engage-"ment, which was so universally pressed there." The king being every day advertised, how much this was desired and expected, and the Scottish lords being of the same opinion, hoping that somewhat might be inserted in it that might favour the presbyterians, his majesty proposed at the council, "that there might be some draught prepared of a "proclamation, or declaration, only with reference "to the kingdom of England;" and the chancellor of the exchequer, who had been most conversant in instruments of that nature, was appointed to make one ready; though he had declared, "that he did "not know what such a declaration could contain, "and therefore that he thought it not seasonable "to publish any." The prince of Orange was present at that council, and, whether from his own opinion, or from the suggestion of the Scottish lords, who were much favoured by him, he wished, "that, in regard of the great differences which

" were in England about matters of religion, the " king would offer, in this declaration, to refer all " matters in controversy concerning religion to a " national synod; in which there should be ad- " mitted some foreign divines from the protestant " churches;" which, he thought, would be a popular clause, and might be acceptable abroad as well as at home: and the king believed no objection could be made against it; and so thought fit such a clause should be inserted.

Within a short time after the council was parted, the prince of Orange sent for the lord Cottington, and told him, " he was not enough acquainted with " the chancellor of the exchequer, but desired him " to entreat him not to be too sharp in this declara- " tion, the end whereof was to unite and reconcile " different humours; and that he found many had " a great apprehension, that the sharpness of his " style would irritate them much more." The chancellor knew well enough that this came from the lord Lautherdale, and he wished heartily that the charge might be committed to any body else, protesting, " that he was never less disposed in his " own conceptions and reflections to undertake any " such task in his life; and that he could not " imagine how it was possible for the king to pub- " lish a declaration at that time, (his first declara- " tion,) without much sharpness against the mur- " derers of his father;" which nobody could speak against; nor could he be excused from the work imposed upon him: and the prince of Orange assured him, " it was not that kind of sharpness " which he wished should be declined:" and though he seemed not willing farther to explain

himself, it was evident that he wished that there might not be any sharpness against the presbyterians, for which there was at that time no occasion.

There was one particular, which, without a full and particular instruction, the chancellor could not presume to express. The great end of this declaration was to confirm the affection of as many as was possible for the king, and, consequently, as few were to be made desperate as might consist with the king's honour, and necessary justice; so that how far that clause, which was essential to a declaration upon this subject, concerning the indemnity of persons, should extend, was the question. And in this there was difference of opinions; the most prevalent was, "that no persons should be "excepted from pardon, but only such who had "an immediate hand in the execrable murder of "the king, by being his judges, and pronouncing "that sentence, and they who performed the exe-"cution." Others said, they "knew that some "were in the list of the judges, and named by the "parliament, who found excuses to be absent;" and others, that "some who were not named, more "contrived and contributed to that odious proceed-"ing, than many who were actors in it." But the resolution was, that the former should be only comprehended.

When the declaration was prepared, and read at the board, there was a deep silence, no man speaking to any part of it. But another day was appointed for the second reading it, against which time every man might be better prepared to speak to it: and in the mean time the prince of Orange,

in regard he was not a perfect master of the English tongue, desired he might have a copy of it, that he might the better understand it. And the chancellor of the exchequer desired, "that not "only the prince of Orange might have a copy, "but that his majesty would likewise have one, "and, after he should have perused it himself, he "would shew it to any other, who he thought was "fit to advise with;" there being many lords and other persons of quality about him, who were not of the council: and he moved, "that he might "have liberty himself to communicate it to some "who were like to make a judgment, how far any "thing of that nature was like to be acceptable, "and agreeable to the minds of the people;" and named Herbert the attorney general, and Dr. Steward, who was dean of the chapel to the king; whose opinion, in all things relating to the church, the king had been advised by his father to submit to. All which was approved by the king; and, for that reason, a farther day was appointed for the second reading. The issue was, that, except two or three of the council, who were of one and the same opinion of the whole, there were not two persons who were admitted to the perusal of it, who did not take some exception to it, though scarce two made the same exception.

Doctor Steward, though a man of a very good understanding, was so exceedingly grieved at the clause of admitting foreign divines into a synod that was to consult upon the church of England, that he could not be satisfied by any arguments that could be given of "the impossibility of any "effect, or that the parliament would accept the

" overture; and that there could be no danger if " it did, because the number of those foreign " divines must be still limited by the king;" but came one morning to the chancellor, with whom he had a friendship, and protested " he had not " slept that night, out of the agony and trouble, " that he, who he knew loved the church so well, " should consent to a clause so much against the " honour of it;" and went from him to the king, to beseech him never to approve it. Some were of opinion, " that there were too few excepted from " pardon; by which the king would not have con- " fiscations enough to satisfy and reward his " party:" and others thought, " that there were " too many excepted; and that it was not prudent " to make so many men desperate; but that it " would be sufficient to except Cromwell, and " Bradshaw, and three or four more of those " whose malice was most notorious; the whole " number not to exceed six."

The Scots did not value the clause for foreign divines, who, they knew, could persuade little in an English synod; but they were implacably offended, that the king mentioned the government of the church of England, and the Book of Common Prayer, with so much reverence and devotion; which was the sharpness they most feared of the chancellor's style, when they thought now the covenant to be necessary to be insisted upon more than ever. So that, when the declaration was read at the board the second time, most men being moved with the discourses, and fears which were expressed abroad of some ill effects it might produce, it was more faintly debated, and men seemed

not to think that the publishing any, at this time, was of so much importance, as they formerly had conceived it to be. By all which men may judge, how hard a thing it was for the king to resolve, and act with that steadiness and resolution, which the most unprosperous condition doth more require than the state that is less perplexed and entangled. The declaration slept without farther proposition to emit any.

All things being now as much provided for as they were like to be, the two ambassadors for Spain were very solicitous to begin their journey, the king being at last resolved not to give his mother the trouble of making a journey to meet him, but to go himself directly to St. Germain's, where her majesty was. The prince of Orange, to advance that resolution, had promised to supply the king with twenty thousand pounds; which was too great a loan for him to make, who had already great debts upon him, though it was very little for the enabling the king to discharge the debts he and his family had contracted at the Hague, and to make his journey. Out of this sum the lord Cottington and the chancellor were to receive so much as was designed to defray their journey to Paris: what was necessary for the discharge of their embassy, or for making their journey from Paris, was not yet provided. The king had some hope, that the duke of Lorrain would lend him some money; which he designed for this service; which made it necessary that they should immediately resort to Brussels, to finish that negociation, and from thence to prosecute their journey.

In the soliciting their first despatch at the Hague,

they made a discovery that seemed very strange to them, though afterwards it was a truth that was very notorious. Their journey having been put off some days, only for the receipt of that small sum, which was to be paid out of the money to be lent by the prince of Orange, and Hemflet, the prince's chief officer in such affairs of money, had been some days at Amsterdam to negociate that loan, and no money was returned, they believed that there was some affected delay; and so went to the prince of Orange, who had advised, and was well pleased with that embassy, to know when that money would be ready for the king, that he might likewise resolve upon the time for his own journey. The prince told them, he believed, "that they, who "knew London so well, and had heard so much "discourse of the wealth of Holland, would won-"der very much that he should have been endea-"vouring above ten days to borrow twenty thou-"sand pounds; and that the richest men in "Amsterdam had promised him to supply him "with it, and that one half of it was not yet pro-"vided." He said, "it was not that there was "any question of his credit, which was very good; "and that the security he gave was as good as "any body desired, and upon which he could have "double the sum in less time, if he would receive "it in paper, which was the course of that country; "where bargains being made for one hundred "thousand pounds to be paid within ten days, it "was never known that twenty thousand pounds "was paid together in one town; but by bills upon "Rotterdam, Harlem, the Hague, and Antwerp, "and other places, which was as convenient, or

" more, to all parties; and he did verily believe, that " though Amsterdam could pay a million within a " month, upon any good occasion, yet they would " be troubled to bring twenty thousand pounds to- " gether into any one room; and that was the true " reason, that the money was not yet brought to " the Hague; which it should be within few days;" as it was accordingly.

They took their leave of the king at the Hague before the middle of May, and had a yacht from the prince of Orange, that expected them at Rotterdam, and transported them with great convenience to Antwerp, where the chancellor's wife and his family were arrived ten days before, and were settled in a good and convenient house; where the lord Cottington and he both lodged whilst they stayed in that city. There they met the lord Jermyn in his way towards the king, to hasten the king's journey into France, upon the queen's great importunity. He was very glad they were both come away from the king, and believed he should more easily prevail with his majesty in all things, as indeed he did. After two or three days stay at Antwerp, they went to Brussels to deliver their credentials both to the archduke and the duke of Lorrain, and to visit the Spanish ministers, and, upon their landing at Brussels, they took it for a very good omen, that they were assured, " that Le Brune, who had been " one of the plenipotentiaries at the treaty of " Munster, on the behalf of the king of Spain, " was then in that town with credentials to visit " the king, and to condole with him." They had an audience, the next day, of the archduke: they performed the compliments to him from the king,

and informed him of their embassy into Spain, and desired his recommendation, and good offices in that court; which he, according to his slow and formal way of speaking, consented to: and they had no more to do with him, but received the visits from the officers, in his name, according to the style of that court. Their main business was with the duke of Lorrain, to procure money for their journey into Spain.

The duke was a prince that lived in a different manner from all other sovereign princes in the world: from the time, that he had been driven out of his country by France, he had retired to Brussels with his army, which he kept up very strong, and served the king of Spain with it against the French, upon such terms and conditions as were made, and renewed every year between them; by which he received great sums of money yearly from the Spaniard, and was sure very rich in money. He always commanded apart in the field; his officers received no orders but from himself: he always agreed at the council of war what he should do, and his army was in truth the best part of the Spanish forces. In the town of Brussels he lived without any order, method, or state of a prince, except towards the Spaniards in his treaties, and being present in their councils, where he always kept his full dignity: otherwise, he lived in a jolly familiarity with the bourgeois and their wives, and feasted with them, but scarce kept a court, and no number of servants, or retinue. The house wherein he lived was a very ordinary one, and worse furnished; nor was he often there, or easy to be found; so that the ambassadors could not easily send to him for an audience. He received

them in a lower room with great courtesy and familiarity; and visited them at their own lodging. He was a man of great wit, and presence of mind, and, if he had not affected extravagancies, no man knew better how to act the prince. He loved his money very much; yet the lord Cottington's dexterity and address prevailed with him to lend the king two thousand pistoles; which was all that was in their view for defraying their embassy. But they hoped they should procure some supply in Spain, out of which their own necessary expenses must be provided for.

There were two Spaniards, by whom all the councils there were governed and conducted, and which the archduke himself could not control; the conde of Pignoranda (who was newly come from Munster, being the other plenipotentiary there; and stayed only at Brussels, in expectation of renewing the treaty again with France; but, whilst he stayed there, was in the highest trust in all the affairs) and the conde of Fuensaldagna, who was the governor of the arms, and commanded the army next under the archduke; which was a subordination very little inferior to the being general. They were both very able and expert men in business, and if they were not very wise men, that nation had none. The former was a man of the robe, of a great wit, and much experience, proud, and, if he had not been a little too pedantic, might very well be looked upon as a very extraordinary man, and was much improved by the excellent temper of Le Brune, (the other plenipotentiary,) who was indeed a wise man, and by seeming to defer in all things to Pignoranda,

governed him. The conde of Fuensaldagna was of a much better temper, more industry, and more insinuation than Spaniards use to have: his greatest talent lay to business; yet he was the best general of that time to all other offices and purposes, than what were necessary in the hour of battle, when he was not so present and composed as at all other seasons.

Both these received the ambassadors with the usual civilities, and returned their visits at their own lodging, but seemed not pleased with their journey to Madrid, and spoke much of the necessities that crown was in, and its disability to assist the king; which the ambassadors imputed to the influence don Alonzo de Cardinas had upon them both; who remained still under the same character in England he had done for many years before. The same civilities were performed between Le Brune and them; who treated them with much more freedom, and encouraged them to hope well from their negociation in Spain; acquainted them with his own instructions, "to give the king all assur-"ance of the affection of his catholic majesty, and "of his readiness to do any thing for him that was "in his power." He said, "he only deferred his "journey, because he heard that the king intended "to spend some time at Breda; and he had rather "attend him there, than at the Hague."

When the ambassadors had despatched all their business at Brussels, and received the money from the duke of Lorrain, they returned to Antwerp; where they were to negociate for the return of their monies to Madrid; which required very much wariness, the bills from thence using to find now

more difficulties at Madrid, than they had done in former times.

What was imagined fell out. By the letters my lord Jermyn brought, and the importunity he used, the king resolved to begin his journey sooner than he thought to have done, that is, sooner than he thought he should have been able, all provisions being to begin to be made both for his journey into France, and from thence into Ireland, after the money was received that should pay for them. But the queen's impatience was so great to see his majesty, that the prince of Orange, and the princess royal his wife, were as impatient to give her that satisfaction. Though her majesty could not dislike any resolution the king had taken, nor could imagine whither he should go but into Ireland, she was exceedingly displeased that any resolution had been taken before she was consulted. She was angry that the counsellors were chosen without her directions, and looked upon all that had been done, as done in order to exclude her from meddling in the affairs; all which she imputed principally to the chancellor of the exchequer: and yet she was not pleased with the design of the negociation in Spain. For though she had no confidence of his affection to her, or rather of his complying with all her commands, yet she had all confidence in his duty and integrity to the king, and therefore wished he should be still about his person, and trusted in his business; which she thought him much fitter for than such a negociation, which she believed, out of her natural prejudice to Spain, would produce no advantage to the king.

That the queen might receive some content, in

knowing that the king had begun his journey, the prince of Orange desired him, "whilst his servants "prepared what was necessary at the Hague, that "himself, and that part of his train that was ready, "would go to Breda, and stay there till the rest "were ready to come up to him;" that being his best way to Flanders, through which he must pass into France. Breda was a town of the prince's own, where he had a handsome palace and castle, and a place where the king might have many divertisements. Hither the Spanish ambassador, Le Brune, came to attend his majesty, and delivered his master's compliments to his majesty, and offered his own services to him, whilst he should remain in those provinces; he being at that time designed to remain ambassador to the United Provinces; as he did; and died shortly after at the Hague, with a general regret. He was born a subject to the king of Spain, in that part of Burgundy that was under his dominion; and having been from his cradle always bred in business, and being a man of great parts and temper, he might very well be looked upon as one of the best statesmen in Christendom, and who best understood the true interest of all the princes of Europe.

As soon as the lord Cottington and the chancellor heard of the king's being at Breda, and that he intended to hasten his journey for France, they resolved, having in truth not yet negociated all things necessary for their journey, to stay till the king passed by, and not to go to St. Germain's till the first interview, and eclaircissements were passed between the king and queen, that they might then be the better able to judge what weather was like to be.

The king was received at Antwerp with great magnificence: he entered in a very rich coach with six horses, which the archduke sent a present to him when he came into the Spanish dominions: he was treated there, at the charge of the city, very splendidly for two days: and went then to Brussels, where he was lodged in the palace, and royally entertained. But the French army, under the command of the conte de Harcourt, was two days before set down before Cambray; with the news whereof the Spanish council was surprised, and in so much disorder, that the archduke was gone to the army to Mons, and Valenciennes, whilst the king was in Antwerp; so that the king was received only by his officers; who performed their parts very well.

Here the conde of Pignoranda waited upon the king in the quality of an ambassador, and covered. And his majesty stayed here three or four days, not being able suddenly to resolve which way he should pass into France. But he was not troubled long with that doubt; for the French thought to have surprised that town, and to have cast up their line of circumvallation before any supplies could be put in; but the conde Fuensaldagna found a way to put seven or eight hundred foot into the town; upon which the French raised the siege; and so the king made his journey by the usual way; and, near Valenciennes, had an interview with the archduke; and, after some short ceremonies, continued on his journey, and lodged at Cambray; where he was likewise treated by the conde de Garcies, who was governor there, and a very civil gentleman.

About a week after the king left Brussels, the

two ambassadors prosecuted their journey for Paris; where they stayed only one day, and then went to St. Germain's; where the king and the queen his mother, with both their families, and the duke of York's, then were; by whom they were received graciously. They had no reason to repent their providence in staying so long behind the king, for they found the court so full of jealousy and disorder, that every body was glad that they were come. After the first two or three days that the king and queen had been together, which were spent in tears and lamentations for the great alteration that had happened since their last parting, the queen begun to confer with the king of his business, and what course he meant to take; in which she found him so reserved, as if he had no mind she should be conversant in it. He made no apologies to her; which she expected; nor any professions of resigning himself up to her advice. On the contrary, upon some expostulations, he had told her plainly, "that he would always perform "his duty towards her with great affection and "exactness, but that in his business he would obey "his own reason and judgment;" and did as good as desire her not to trouble herself in his affairs: and finding her passions strong, he frequently retired from her with some abruptness, and seemed not to desire to be so much in her company as she expected; and prescribed some rules to be observed in his own retirement, which he had not been accustomed to.

This kind of unexpected behaviour gave the queen much trouble. She begun to think, that this distance, which the king seemed to affect, was

more than the chancellor of the exchequer could wish; and that there was somebody else, who did her more disservice: insomuch as to the ladies who were about her, whereof some were very much his friends, she seemed to wish, that the chancellor were come. There was a gentleman, who was newly come from England, and who came to the Hague after the chancellor had taken his leave of the king, and had been ever since very close about him, being one of the grooms of his bedchamber, one Mr. Thomas Elliot, a person spoken of before; whom the king's father had formerly sent into France, at the same time that he resolved the prince should go for the west; and for no other reason, but that he should not attend upon his son. And he had given order, "that if he should return "out of France, and come into the west, the coun- "cil should not suffer him to be about the prince;" with whom he thought he had too much credit, and would use it ill; and he had never seen the prince from the time he left Oxford till now. He was a bold man, and spoke all things confidently, and had not that reverence for the late king which he ought to have had; and less for the queen; though he had great obligations to both; yet being not so great as he had a mind to, he looked upon them as none. This gentleman came to the king just as he left the Hague, and both as he was a new comer, and as one for whom his majesty had formerly much kindness, was very well received; and being one who would receive no injury from his modesty, made the favour the king shewed him as bright, and to shine as much in the eyes of all men, as was possible. He was never from the

person of the king, and always whispering in his ear, taking upon him to understand the sense and opinion of all the loyal party in England: and when he had a mind that the king should think well, or ill, of any man, he told him, "that he was much "beloved by, or very odious to, all his party in "England." By these infusions, he had prevailed with him to look with less grace upon the earl of Bristol, who came from Caen (where he had hitherto resided) to kiss his hands, than his own good nature would have inclined him to; and more to discountenance the lord Digby, and to tell him plainly, "that he should not serve him in the place of "secretary of state;" in which he had served his father, and from which men have seldom been removed upon the descent of the crown; and not to admit either father or son to be of his council; which was more extraordinary. He told the king, "it would be the most unpopular thing he could "do, and which would lose him more hearts in "England, if he were thought to be governed by "his mother." And in a month's time that he had been about the king, he begun already to be looked upon as very like to become the favourite. He had used the queen with wonderful neglect when she spoke to him, and had got so much interest with the king, that he had procured a promise from his majesty to make colonel Windham, whose daughter Mr. Elliot had married, secretary of state; an honest gentleman, but marvellously unequal to that province; towards which he could not pretend a better qualification, than that his wife had been nurse to the prince, who was now king.

In these kinds of humour and indisposition they

found the court, when they came to St. Germain's. They had, during their stay at Paris, in their way to court, conferred with the earl of Bristol, and his son the lord Digby; who breathed out their griefs to them; and the lord Digby was the more troubled to find that Mr. Elliot, who was a known and declared enemy of his, had gotten so much credit with the king, as to be able to satisfy his own malice upon him, by the countenance of his majesty; in whom, he knew, the king his father desired, that he should of all men have the least interest. After they had been a day or two there, the chancellor of the exchequer thinking it his duty to say somewhat to the queen in particular, and knowing that she expected he should do so, and the king having told him at large all that had passed with his mother, and the ill humour she was in, (all which his majesty related in a more exalted dialect than he had been accustomed to,) and his majesty being very willing that he should clearly understand what the queen thought upon the whole, the chancellor asked a private audience; which her majesty readily granted. And after she had easily expostulated upon the old passages at Jersey, she concluded with the mention of the great confidence the king her husband had always reposed in him, and thereupon renewed her own gracious professions of good-will towards him. Then she complained, not without tears, of the king's unkindness towards her, and of his way of living with her, of some expressions he had used in discourse in her own presence, and of what he had said in other places, and of the great credit Mr. Elliot had with him, and of his rude behaviour towards her majesty, and

lastly of the incredible design of making Windham secretary; "who, besides his other unfitness," she said, "would be sure to join with the other to "lessen the king's kindness to her all they could." The chancellor, after he had made all the professions of duty to her majesty which became him, and said what he really believed of the king's kindness and respect for her, asked her, "whether she "would give him leave to take notice of any thing "she had said to him, or, in general, that he "found her majesty unsatisfied with his kindness?" The queen replied, "that she was well contented "he should take notice of every thing she had "said; and, above all, of his purpose to make "Windham secretary:" of which the king had not made the least mention, though he had taken notice to him of most other things the queen had said to him.

The chancellor, shortly after, found an opportunity to inform the king of all that had passed from the queen, in such a method as might give him occasion to enlarge upon all the particulars. The king heard him very greedily, and protested, "that "he desired nothing more than to live very well "with the queen; towards whom he would never "fail in his duty, as far as was consistent with his "honour, and the good of his affairs; which, at "present, it may be, required more reservation to-"wards the queen, and to have it believed that he "communicated less with her than he did, or than "he intended to do; that, if he did not seem to be "desirous of her company, it was only when she "grieved him by some importunities, in which he "could not satisfy her; and that her exception

" against Elliot was very unjust; and that he " knew well the man to be very honest, and that " he loved him well; and that the prejudice the " king his father had against him was only by the " malice of the lord Digby, who hated him without " a cause, and had likewise informed the queen of " some falsehoods, which had incensed her majesty " against him;" and seemed throughout much concerned to justify Elliot, against whom the chancellor himself had no exceptions, but received more respects from him than he paid to most other men.

When the chancellor spoke of making Windham secretary, the king did not own the having promised to do it, but " that he intended to do it." The chancellor said, " he was glad he had not " promised it; and that he hoped, he would never " do it: that he was an honest gentleman, but in " no degree qualified for that office." He put him in mind of secretary Nicholas, who was then there to present his duty to him; " that he was a person " of such known affection and honesty, that he " could not do a more ungracious thing than to " displace him." The king said, " he thought " secretary Nicholas to be a very honest man; but " he had no title to that office more than another " man: that Mr. Windham had not any experi- " ence, but that it depended so much upon forms, " that he would quickly be instructed in it: that he " was a very honest man, for whom he had never " done any thing, and had now nothing else to " give him but this place; for which he doubted " not but, in a short time, he would make himself " very fit." All that the chancellor could prevail

with his majesty was, to suspend the doing it for some time, and that he would hear him again upon the subject, before he took a final resolution. For the rest, he promised "to speak upon some parti-"culars with the queen, and to live with her with "all kindness and freedom, that she might be in "good humour." But he heard her, and all others, very unwillingly, who spoke against Mr. Windham's parts for being secretary of state.

One day the lord Cottington, when the chancellor and some others were present, told the king very gravely, (according to his custom, who never smiled when he made others merry,) "that he had "an humble suit to him, on the behalf of an old "servant of his father's, and whom, he assured "him upon his knowledge, his father loved as well "as he did any man of that condition in England; "and that he had been for many years one of his "falconers; and he did really believe him to be "one of the best falconers in England;" and thereupon enlarged himself (as he could do excellently in all the terms of that science) to shew how very skilful he was in that art. The king asked him, "what he would have him do for "him?" Cottington told him, "it was very true "that his majesty kept no falconers, and the poor "man was grown old, and could not ride as he "had used to do; but that he was a very honest "man, and could read very well, and had as audible "a voice as any man need to have;" and therefore besought his majesty, "that he would make "him his chaplain;" which speaking with so composed a countenance, and somewhat of earnestness, the king looked upon him with a smile to

know what he meant; when he, with the same gravity, assured him, "the falconer was in all "respects as fit to be his chaplain, as colonel "Windham was to be secretary of state;" which so surprised the king, who had never spoken to him of the matter, all that were present being not able to abstain from laughing, that his majesty was somewhat out of countenance: and this being merrily told by some of the standers by, it grew to be a story in all companies, and did really divert the king from the purpose, and made the other so much ashamed of pretending to it, that there was no more discourse of it.

Whilst all endeavours were used to compose all ill humours here, that the king might prosecute his intended voyage for Ireland, and that the two ambassadors might proceed in their journey towards Spain, there came very ill news from Ireland. As soon as the marquis of Ormond was arrived, as hath been said before, the confederate catholics, who held their assembly, as they had always done, at Kilkenny, sent commissioners to him to congratulate his arrival, and to enter upon a treaty of peace, that they might all return to their obedience to the king. But the inconstancy of that nation was such, that, notwithstanding their experience of the ruin they had brought upon themselves by their falling from their former peace, and notwithstanding that themselves had sent to Paris to importune the queen and the prince to send the marquis of Ormond back to them, with all promises and protestations that they would not insist upon any unreasonable concessions; now he was come upon their invitation to them, they made new demands

in point of religion, and insisted upon other things, which if he should consent to, would have irreconciled all the English, who were under the lord Inchiquin, upon whom his principal confidence was placed: by this means so much time was spent, that the winter passed without any agreement; whereby they might have advanced against the parliament forces, which were then weak, and in want of all manner of supplies, whilst the distractions continued in England between the parliament and the army, the divisions in the army, and the prosecution of the king; during which the governors there had work enough to look to themselves; and left Ireland to provide for itself: and if that unfortunate people would have made use of the advantages that were offered, that kingdom might indeed have been entirely reduced to the king's obedience.

That the lord lieutenant might even compel them to preserve themselves, he went himself to Kilkenny, where the council sat, about Christmas, after three months had been spent from his arrival, that no more time might be lost in their commissioners' coming and going, and that the spring might not be lost as well as the winter. And at last a peace was made and concluded; by which, against such a day, the confederate catholics obliged themselves "to bring into the field a body "of horse and foot, with all provisions for the "field, which should be at the disposal of the lord "lieutenant, and to march as he should appoint." The treaty had been drawn out into the more length, in hope to have reduced the whole nation to the same agreement. And the general as-

sembly, to which they all pretended to submit, and from which all had received their commissions, as hath been said, sent to Owen O'Neile, who remained in Ulster with his army, and came not himself to Kilkenny, as he ought to have done, upon pretence of his indisposition of health. He professed "to submit to whatsoever the general assembly should determine:" but when they sent the articles, to which they had agreed, to be signed by him, he took several exceptions, especially in matters of religion; which he thought was not enough provided for; and, in the end, positively declared, "that he would not submit, or be bound "by them:" and at the same time he sent to the marquis of Ormond, "that he would treat with "him apart, and not concern himself in what the "assembly resolved upon."

The truth is, there was nothing of religion in this contention; which proceeded from the animosity between the two generals, O'Neile and Preston, and the bitter faction between the old Irish and the other, who were as much hated by the old, as the English were; and lastly, from the ambition of Owen O'Neile; who expected some concessions to be made to him in his own particular, which would very much have offended and incensed the other party, if they had been granted to him: so that the assembly was well pleased to leave him out, and concluded the peace without him.

Hereupon the lord lieutenant used all possible endeavours that the army might be formed, and ready to march in the beginning of the spring. And though there was not an appearance answer-

able to their promise, yet their troops seemed so good, and were so numerous, that he thought fit to march towards Dublin; and, in the way, to take all the castles and garrisons, which were possessed by the parliament: in which they had very good success. For many of the parliament soldiers having served the king, they took the first opportunity, upon the marquis of Ormond's approach within any distance, to come to him; and by that means several places surrendered likewise to him. Colonel Monk, who had formerly served the king, and remained for the space of three or four years prisoner in the Tower, had been at last prevailed with by the lord Lisle to serve the parliament against the Irish; pleasing himself with an opinion that he did not therein serve against the king. He was at this time governor of Dundalk, a garrison about thirty miles from Dublin; which was no sooner summoned (Tredagh and those at a nearer distance being taken) but he was compelled by his own soldiers to deliver it up; and if the officer, who commanded the party which summoned him, had not been his friend, and thereby hoped to have reduced him to the king's service, his soldiers would have thrown him over the walls, and made their own conditions afterwards; and most of that garrison betook themselves to the king's service.

Upon all these encouragements, before the troops were come up to make the army numerous enough, the marquis was persuaded to block up Dublin at a very little distance; having good reason to hope, from the smallness of the garrison, and a party of well affected people within the town, that it would in a short time have been given up to him. In the

mean time, he used all the means he could to hasten the Irish troops, some whereof were upon their march, and others not yet raised, to come up to the army. By all their letters from London (with which, by the way of Dublin, and the ports of Munster, there was good intelligence) they understood, that there were fifteen hundred or two thousand men shipped for Ireland: and the wind having been for some time against their coming for Dublin, there was an apprehension that they might be gone for Munster: whereupon the lord Inchiquin, who was not confident of all his garrisons there, very unhappily departed with some troops of horse to look after his province; there being then no cause to apprehend any sally out of Dublin, where they were not in a condition to look out of their own walls. But he was not gone above two days, when the wind coming fair, the ships expected came into the port of Dublin; and landed a greater number of soldiers, especially of horse, than was reported; and brought the news that Cromwell himself was made lieutenant of Ireland, and intended to be shortly there with a very great supply of horse and foot. This fleet that was already come had brought arms, and clothes, and money, and victuals; which much exalted the garrison and the city; which presently turned out of the town some of those who were suspected to wish well to the marquis of Ormond, and imprisoned others. The second day after the arrival of the succours, Jones, who had been a lawyer, and was then governor of Dublin, at noonday marched out of the city, with a body of three thousand foot, and three or four troops of horse,

and fell upon that quarter which was next the town; where they found so little resistance that they adventured upon the next; and in short so disordered the whole army, one half whereof was on the other side the river, that the lord lieutenant, after he had, in the head of some officers whom he drew together, charged the enemy with the loss of many of those who followed him, was at last compelled to draw off the whole army, which, though the loss was not great, was so discomfited, that he did not think fit to return again to their posts, till both the troops which he had were refreshed, and composed, and their numbers increased by the levies which ought to have been made before, and which were now in a good forwardness.

It may be remembered, that the general insurrections in the last year, the revolt of the navy, and the invasion of the Scots, encouraged and drawn in by the presbyterian party, had so disturbed and obstructed the counsels both in the parliament, and in the army, that nothing had been done in all that year towards the relief of Ireland, except the sending over the lord Lisle as lieutenant, with a commission that was determined at the end of so many months, and which had given so little relief to the English, that it only discovered more their weakness, and animosity towards each other, than obstructed the Irish in making their progress in all the parts of the kingdom; and the more confirmed the lord Inchiquin to pursue his resolutions of serving the king, and of receiving the marquis of Ormond, how meanly soever attended, and to unite with the Irish; the perfecting of which conjunction, with so general a success, brought so

great reproach upon the parliament, with reference to the loss of Ireland, that the reproach and noise thereof was very great: so that Cromwell thought it high time, in his own person, to appear upon a stage of so great action. There had been always men enough to be spared out of the army to have been sent upon that expedition, when the other difficulties were at highest; but the conducting it then was of that importance, that it was, upon the matter, to determine which power should be superior, the presbyterian or the independent. And therefore the one had set up and designed Waller for that command, and Cromwell, against him and that party, had insisted, that it should be given to Lambert, the second man of the army, who was known to have as great a detestation of the presbyterian power, as he had of the prerogative of the crown: and the contests between the two factions, which of these should be sent, had spent a great part of the last year, and of their winter counsels. But now, when all the domestic differences were so composed by their successes in the field, and the bloody prosecution of their civil counsels, so that there could be little done to the disturbance of the peace of England, and when Waller's friends were so suppressed, that he was no more thought of, Cromwell began to think that the committing the whole government of Ireland, with such an army as was necessary to be sent thither, was too great a trust even for his beloved Lambert himself, and was to lessen his own power and authority, both in the army which was commanded by Fairfax, and in the other, that, being in Ireland, would, upon any occasion, have great influence upon the

affairs of England. And therefore, whilst there appeared no other obstructions in the relief of Ireland (which was every day loudly called for) than the determining which of the two persons named for the command of it should take that charge, some of his friends, who were always ready upon such occasions, on a sudden proposed, as a good expedient to put an end to that debate, wherein two persons of great merit were concerned, and who might possibly think that it would be some prejudice for either of them to be preferred before the other, to nominate a third person, who might reasonably be preferred before them both, and thereupon named Cromwell the lieutenant general, to conduct that expedition.

Cromwell himself was always absent when such overtures were to be made; and whoever had proposed Lambert, had proposed it as a thing most agreeable to Cromwell's desire; and therefore, when they heard Cromwell himself proposed for the service, and by those who they were sure intended him no affront, they immediately acquiesced in the proposition, and looked upon the change as a good expedient: on the other side, the presbyterian party was no less affected, and concluded that this was only a trick to defer the service, and that he never did intend to go thither in person; or that if he did, his absence from England would give them all the advantages they could wish, and that they should then recover entirely their general Fairfax to their party; who was already much broken in spirit upon the concurrence he had been drawn to, and declared some bitterness against the persons who had led him to it. And so in a mo-

ment both parties were agreed, and Oliver Cromwell elected and declared to be lord lieutenant of Ireland, with as ample and independent a commission, as could be prepared.

Cromwell, how surprised soever with this designation, appeared the next day in the house full of confusion and irresolution; which the natural temper and composure of his understanding could hardly avoid, when he least desired it; and therefore, when it was now to his purpose, he could act it to the life. And after much hesitation, and many expressions of "his own unworthiness, and "disability to support so great a charge, and of "the entire resignation of himself to their com-"mands, and absolute dependence upon God's pro-"vidence and blessing, from whom he had received "many instances of his favour," he submitted to their good will and pleasure; and desired them, "that no more time might be lost in the prepara-"tions which were to be made for so great a work; "for he did confess that kingdom to be reduced to "so great straits, that he was willing to engage "his own person in this expedition, for the diffi-"culties which appeared in it; and more out of "hope, with the hazard of his life, to give some "obstruction to the successes which the rebels "were at present exalted with," (for so he called the marquis of Ormond, and all who joined with him,) "that so the commonwealth might retain "still some footing in that kingdom, till they might "be able to send fresh supplies, than out of any "expectation, that, with the strength he carried, "he should be able, in any signal degree, to pre-"vail over them."

It was an incredible expedition that he used from this minute after his assuming that charge, in the raising of money, providing of shipping, and drawing of forces together, for this enterprise. Before he could be ready himself to march, he sent three thousand foot and horse to Milford Haven, to be transported, as soon as they arrived there, to Dublin; all things being ready there for their transportation; which troops, by the contrary and adverse winds, were constrained to remain there for many days. And that caused the report in Ireland, by the intelligence from London, that Cromwell intended to make a descent in Munster; which unhappily divided the lord Inchiquin, and a good body of his men, from the lord lieutenant, as hath been said, when he marched towards Dublin. Nor did the marquis of Ormond in truth at that time intend to have marched thither with that expedition, until his army should be grown more numerous, and more accustomed to discipline; but the wonderful successes of those troops, which were sent before, in the taking of Trim, Dundalk, and all the out-garrisons, and the invitation and intelligence he had from within Dublin, made him unwilling to lose any more time, since he was sure that the crossness of the wind only hindered the arrival of those supplies, which were designed thither out of England: and the arrival of which supplies, the very day before his coming before Dublin, enabled the governor thereof to make that sally which is mentioned before; and had that success which is mentioned.

The marquis of Ormond, at that time, drew off his whole army from Dublin to Tredagh, where he

meant to remain till he could put it into such a posture, that he might prosecute his farther design. And a full account of all these particulars met Cromwell at his arrival at Milford Haven, when he rather expected to hear of the loss of Dublin, and was in great perplexity to resolve what he was then to do. But all those clouds being dispersed, upon the news of the great success his party had that he had sent before, he deferred not to embark his whole army, and, with a very prosperous wind, arrived at Dublin within two or three days after the marquis of Ormond had retired from thence; where he was received with wonderful acclamation; which did not retard him from pursuing his active resolutions, to prosecute those advantages which had already befallen him. And the marquis of Ormond was no sooner advertised of his arrival, than he concluded to change his former resolution, and to draw his army to a greater distance, till those parties which were marching towards him from the several quarters of the kingdom might come up to him; and in the mean while to put Tredagh into so good a posture, as might entertain the enemy, till he might be able to relieve them. And so he put into that place, which was looked upon, besides the strength of the situation, to be in a good degree fortified, the flower of his army, both of soldiers and officers, most of them English, to the number of three thousand foot, and two or three good troops of horse, provided with all things; and committed the charge and command thereof to sir Arthur Aston, who hath been often mentioned before, and was an officer of great name and experience, and who at that time made little

doubt of defending it against all the power of Cromwell, for at least a month's time. And the marquis of Ormond made less doubt, in much less time, to relieve and succour it with his army; and so retired to those parts where he had appointed a rendezvous for his new levies.

This news coming to St. Germain's broke all their measures, at least as to the expedition: the resolution continued for Ireland; but it was thought fit that they should expect another account from thence, before the king begun his journey; nor did it seem counsellable that his majesty should venture to sea whilst the parliament fleet commanded the ocean, and were then about the coast of Ireland; but that he should expect the autumn, when the season of the year would call home or disperse the ships. But where to stay so long was the question; for it was now the month of August; and as the king had received no kind of civility from France, since his last coming, so it was notorious enough that his absence was impatiently desired by that court; and the queen, who found herself disappointed of that dominion which she had expected, resolved to merit from the cardinal by freeing him from a guest that was so unwelcome to them, though he had not been in any degree chargeable to them; and so was not at all solicitous for his longer stay. So his majesty considered how he should make his departure; and, upon looking round, he resolved, that he would make his journey through Normandy, and embark himself for his island of Jersey; which still continued under his obedience, and under the government of sir George Carteret; who had in truth the power

over the place, though he was but the lieutenant of the lord Jermyn; who, in those straits the king was in, and the great plenty he himself enjoyed, was wonderfully jealous that the king's being there would lessen some of the profit, which he challenged from thence; and therefore, when it was found, in order to the king's support, whilst he should stay there, necessary to sell some of the king's demesnes in that island, the yearly rent whereof used to be received by that lord towards the discharge of the garrisons there, he insisted, with all possible importunity, "that some of the "money, which should be raised upon that sale, "should be paid to him, because his receipt, for "the time to come, would not remain so great as "it had been formerly:" and though this demand appeared so unjust and unreasonable, that the council could not admit it, yet he did prevail with the king in private, to give him such a note under his hand, as enabled him to receive a good sum of money, after the return of his majesty into England, upon that consideration. This resolution being taken for Jersey, the king sent to the prince of Orange, "that he would cause two ships of war "to ride in the road before St. Maloes," (which they might do without notice,) "and that he might "have a warrant remain in his hands, by which "the ships might attend his majesty, when he "should require them;" which they might do in very few hours; and in these he meant to transport himself, as soon as it should be seasonable, into Ireland. These ships did wait his pleasure there accordingly.

France had too good an excuse at this time for

not giving the king any assistance in money, which he might expect, and did abundantly want, by the ill condition their own affairs were in. Though the sedition, which had been raised in Paris the last winter, was at present so much appeased by the courage and conduct of the prince of Condé, (who brought the army, which he commanded in Flanders, with so great expedition before Paris, that the city yielded to reason,) so that his most Christian majesty, the queen his mother, and the whole court, were at this present there; yet the wound was far from being closed up. The town continued still in ill humour; more of the great men adhered to them than had done before; the animosities against the cardinal increased, and, which made those animosities the more terrible, the prince of Condé, who surely had merited very much, either unsatisfied, or not to be satisfied, broke his friendship with the cardinal, and spoke with much bitterness against him: so that the court was far from being in that tranquillity, as to concern itself much for the king our master, if it had been otherwise well inclined to it.

All things standing thus, about the middle of September, the king left St. Germain's, and begun his journey towards Jersey; and the queen, the next day, removed from thence to Paris, to the Louvre. The two ambassadors for Spain waited upon her majesty thither, having nothing now to do but to prepare themselves for their journey to Spain, where they longed to be, and whither they had sent for a pass to meet them at St. Sebastian's, and that they might have a house provided for them at Madrid, against the time they should come

thither: both which they recommended to an English gentleman, who lived there, to solicit, and advertise them in their journey of the temper of that court.

They thought it convenient, since they were to desire a pass to go from Paris into Spain, that they should wait upon the queen-mother of France, and the cardinal; and likewise upon the duke of Orleans, and the prince of Condé; who were then in a cabal against the court. The prince of Condé spoke so publicly and so warmly against the cardinal, that most people thought the cardinal undone; and he himself apprehended some attempt upon his person; and therefore had not in many days gone out of his house, and admitted few to come to him, and had a strong guard in every room; so that his fear was not dissembled.

In this so general disorder, the ambassadors declined any formal audiences; for which their equipage was not suitable: so the lord Cottington went privately to the queen regent, who received him graciously, and desired him "to recommend her very "kindly to her brother the king of Spain," without enlarging upon any thing else. From her he went to the duke of Orleans, whom he found in more disorder; and when the ambassador told him, "he "came to know whether he had any service to "command him into Spain," the duke, who scarce stood still whilst he was speaking, answered aloud, "that he had nothing to do with Spain;" and so went hastily into another room; and the lord Cottington then withdrew. They intended both to have gone together to the prince of Condé, and to the cardinal. But when they sent to the prince, he

wisely, but with great civility, sent them word, "that they could not be ignorant of the disorder "that court was in, and of the jealousies which "were of him;" and therefore desired them "to "excuse him, that he did not see them."

The cardinal appointed them an hour; and met them in an outer room, and conducted them into his inward room, where they sat down and conferred about half an hour, the lord Cottington speaking Spanish, and the cardinal and he conferring wholly in the same language. The cardinal acknowledged the apprehension he was in, in his looks; and took occasion in his discourse to mention "the unjust displeasure, which monsieur le "prince had conceived against him." He seemed earnestly to desire a peace between the two crowns; and said, "that he would give a pound of his "blood to obtain it;" and desired the ambassadors "to tell don Lewis de Haro from him, that he "would with all his heart meet him upon the "frontiers; and that he was confident, if they two "were together but three hours, they should com-"pose all differences:" which message he afterwards disavowed, when don Lewis accepted the motion, and was willing to have met him. When they took their leave of him, he brought them to the top of the stairs in disorder enough, his guards being very circumspect, and suffering no stranger to approach any of the rooms.

When they had provided all things for their journey, and contracted with Blavett, the sole person who could furnish coaches for the transportation of themselves, their baggage, and family, which consisted of twenty persons, and no more,

to the Rayo of Spain, within twenty days, for which they paid him in hand, before they left Paris, four hundred pistoles, their whole share of their journey to that place being to be defrayed, as it was very handsomely, they began their journey from Paris upon Michaelmas day, and continued it, without resting one day, till they came to Bourdeaux; which was then in rebellion against the king. The city and the parliament had not only sent several complaints and bitter invectives against the duke of Espernon, their governor, for his acts of tyranny in his government, but had presumed, in order to make his person the more ungracious, to asperse his life and manners with those reproaches which they believed would most reflect upon the court. And the truth is, their greatest quarrel against him was, that he was a fast friend to the cardinal, and would not be divided from his interest. They had driven the duke out of the town, and did not only desire the king, "that he might "no more be their governor; but that his majesty "would give the government to the prince of "Condé;" which made their complaints the less considered as just. And it was then one of the most avowed exceptions that prince had against the cardinal, that he had not that government upon the petition of Bourdeaux, since he offered to resign his of Burgundy, which was held to be of as much value, to accommodate and repair the duke of Espernon. At Blay, the ambassadors were visited by the marshal of Plessy Praslin, who was sent by the court to treat with the parliament of Bourdeaux, but could bring them to no reason, they positively insisting upon the remove of their old

governor, and conferring the command upon the prince. When they came to Bourdeaux they found the Chateau Trompette, which still held for the king, shooting at the town, the town having invested it very close, that no succour could be put into them, the duke of Espernon being at his house at Cadilliac, from whence his horse every day infested the citizens when they stirred out of the town. Here the ambassadors were compelled to stay one whole day, the disorders upon the river, and in the town, not suffering their coaches and baggage to follow them so soon as they should have done. They were here visited by some counsellors and presidents of the parliament; who professed duty to their king, but irreconcilable hatred to the duke of Espernon; against whom they had published several remonstrances in print, and dedicated them to the prince of Condé. After a day's rest there, which was not unwelcome to them, they continued their journey to Bayonne; and were delivered, after they had broken their fast at St. Jean de Luce, upon the twentieth day from their leaving Paris, at the Taio; where they took boat, and in an hour or two they arrived at Girona, where they lay that night, and sent away to the governor of St. Sebastian's, that they would be there the next day. In their passage upon the river, they had the view of Fuentarabia, which had been so lately besieged by the prince of Condé, and the duke de la Valette, who was duke of Espernon; and they saw the ruins the French army had made in all the places adjacent, the greatest part of Girona itself having been burned, and still remaining unrepaired; and it was very manifest to them, by the

discourses of all the people of that country, that so great a consternation had seized upon the hearts of all that people, upon the approach of the French army, that if it had advanced to St. Sebastian's, that important place was so ill provided to make resistance, that it would have been presently quitted to them, after which Fuentarabia had not been worth the contending for. Here they found an old priest, who governed the town, and was master of the posts, which office he had held when the lord Cottington had been last there, which was when the prince was in Spain, who was a jolly talking man, and glad to remember old stories. They were no sooner in their lodging, but the inquisitors came to examine what books they brought into their country; and at first, with some rudeness, the chief of them being a priest of a large size and a very barbarous aspect and behaviour, they urged to have the view of all the books they had, but afterwards were contented with a catalogue of the names of them, subscribed by one of their secretaries; and received a piece of eight very thankfully. The next day they went by the river to Passage, and when they came out of their boats, which were rowed by women, according to their privilege there, they found mules, sent from St. Sebastian's to carry them thither. About half a mile from the town they were met by the governor of Guipuscoa, don Antonio de Cardinas, an old soldier, and a knight of the order, the corregidor and all the magistrates of St. Sebastian's, and the English merchants which inhabited there; and were conducted by the governor to one of the best houses in the town, which was provided for their reception; where they no

sooner were, than the governor, and the rest of the magistrates, took their leave of them, and left them to their repose.

They had not been half an hour in their lodging, conferring with the English merchants, about conveniences to prosecute their journey, when the corregidor came to them, and desired to speak with them in private, and after some compliment and apology, he shewed them a letter, which he had received from the secretary of state; the contents whereof were, "that when the ambassadors of the "prince of Wales should arrive there, they should "be received with all respect; but that he should "find some means to persuade them to stay and "remain there, till he should give the king notice "of it, and receive his farther pleasure." And at the same time an English merchant of the town, who had told them before, that he had letters from Madrid for them, and had gone home to fetch them, brought them a packet from sir Benjamin Wright: who was intrusted by them to solicit at Madrid for their pass, and for a house to be prepared for them. In this letter their pass was enclosed, under the same style, as ambassadors from the prince of Wales; which he had observed, and desired to have it mended, but could procure no alteration, nor could he obtain any order for the providing a house for them; but was told, "that "it should be done time enough." This was an unexpected mortification to them; but they seemed not to be troubled at it, as if they had intended to stay there a month, to refresh themselves after their long journey, and in expectation of other letters from the king their master. The corregidor offered

to send away an express the same night, if they would write by him, or that he should stay a day or two for their letters, if they were not yet ready to write; but they desired that the messenger might be despatched away with all diligence, and they writ their letters presently. They writ to don Lewis de Haro, "that the king their master had "sent them his ambassadors to his catholic ma-"jesty, upon affairs of the highest importance: "that they were come so far on their way, but "had, to their great wonder, met there with a sig-"nification of the king's pleasure, that they should "stay and remain there, till they should receive his "majesty's pleasure; which troubled them not so "much, as to find themselves styled the ambassa-"dors of the prince of Wales, which they thought "very strange, after his catholic majesty had sent "an ambassador to the king their master before "they left him: they desired therefore to know, "whether their persons were unacceptable to his "catholic majesty, and if that were the case, they "would immediately return to their master; other-"wise, if his majesty were content to receive them, "they desired they might be treated in that manner "as was due to the honour and dignity of the king "their master." And they writ to sir Benjamin Wright, "to attend don Lewis, and if he found "that they were expected at Madrid, and that "they reformed the errors they had committed, "he should then send two letters to meet them at "Victoria, and use those importunities, which were "necessary for the providing a house for them "against they should come."

Though the court was then full of business,

being in daily expectation of their new queen; who was landed, and at that time within few days journey of Madrid; yet the very next day after the letter was delivered to don Lewis de Haro, he returned an answer full of civility, and imputed the error that was committed to the negligence or ignorance of the secretary; and sent them new passes in the proper style; and assured them, "that they "should find a very good welcome from his ma-"jesty." And sir Benjamin Wright sent them word, "that he had received the warrant for the "providing the house; and the officer, to whom it "was directed, had called upon him to view two or "three houses; and that don Lewis told him, that, "as soon as he had found a house that pleased him, "orders should be given to the king's officers of "the wardrobe to furnish it; and then when the "ambassadors came, there should be one of the "king's coaches to attend them whilst they stayed." Hereupon they made haste in their journey, with some satisfaction and confidence that they should find a court not so hard to treat with, that could begin to receive them with so barefaced and formed an affront, and then so easily recede from it with weak apologies. And it was plain enough, that they heartily wished that they had not come; and imagined that this might put them to return again, and then were ashamed of their own expedient, and being pressed, chose rather to decline than avow it: so unnatural a thing is it for that nation to stoop to any ugly action, without doing it so ungraciously, as to confess it in their own countenance, and quickly receding from it.

It was about the middle of November when they

left St. Sebastian's, the weather yet continuing fair; and a gentleman of quality of the country was appointed to accompany them out of the jurisdiction of Guipuscoa, which was to the city of Victoria; and from thence they entered into Castile. When they came to Burgos the magistrates invited them to see the *toros*, which was performed the next day to celebrate the arrival of the queen, who was now come to Madrid, and all the country making their *fiestas*. They stayed that day to see that fight, which was new to all but the lord Cottington. The rains began to fall, which made their journey forward less pleasant, yet not with any great violence, as they seldom do in that country in the beginning.

When they came to Alcavendas, a little town belonging to the conde de Prono en rostro, within three leagues of Madrid, they discharged all their mules and litters, resolving to stay there till they sent notice to the court of their arrival, and sir Benjamin Wright to know what house was provided for them: he came to them, and told them, "all things were in the same state they were when "he writ to them to St. Sebastian's: that though "don Lewis gave him very good words when he "came to him, and seemed much troubled and "angry with the officers that the house was not "ready, and the officers excused themselves upon "the jollities the town was in [during] the *fiestas*, "which were held every day for the queen's arrival, "that nobody could attend any particular affair, "yet it was evident there was not that care taken "from the court that there ought to have been, "and that don Alonzo de Cardinas from England

" had done the ambassadors all the ill offices pos-
" sible, as if their good reception in Spain would
" incense the parliament, and make them more
" propitious to France, which valued itself upon
" having driven all the royal family from thence."

Upon this new mortification, they writ again from thence to don Lewis, to desire, " that they " might not be put to stay there for want of a " house, and so be exposed to contempt." Nor were they accommodated in that place in any degree. He always answered their letters with great punctuality, and with courtesy enough, as if all things should be ready by the next day. The English merchants, who resided at Madrid, came every day to visit them, but still brought them word, that there was no appearance of any provision made to receive them; so that, after a week's stay in that little town, and ill accommodation, they accepted the civil offer and invitation which sir Benjamin Wright made them, of reposing themselves *incognito* in his house; which would only receive their persons with a valet de chambre for each; and the rest of their family was quartered in the next adjacent houses for the reception of strangers; and so they went privately in the evening into Madrid in sir Benjamin Wright's coach, having sent all their servants before, and came to his house, where they were very conveniently lodged, and where there were good rooms handsomely furnished for the reception of visitants; and if, by his generosity, they had not been thus accommodated, they must have been exposed to reproach and infamy, by the very little respect they received from the court. Sir Benjamin Wright

was a gentleman of a good family in Essex; and being a younger brother, had been bred a merchant in Madrid; where, as a merchant, he had great business and great reputation, but was of a nature and spirit above that employment, and affected another and a higher, after he had lived there above twenty years, and was become a perfect Spaniard, not only in the language, but in the generous part of their nature and customs, affected horsemanship, and the use of his weapon, and excelled in both, and gave several testimonies of his courage upon particular encounters, most with his countrymen, who, in respect of his being a merchant, exercised some insolencies towards him. So that he accustomed himself to the outward *fausto* of a Spaniard abroad, and kept the custom and manner of his own country at home, by living plentifully and splendidly in his house, very contrary to the custom of that nation. He resolved to give over that profession of a merchant; and having got a very plentiful estate by it, he entered into treaties with the ministers of state to supply the king's affairs upon such assientos as were usually made, with providing ships, and supplying monies for those parts of Italy and Flanders where the public affairs required it; an adventure that the merchants of Genoa were most conversant in, and wherein many had gotten very great estates, whilst the crown prospered, and made good its contracts; and in his first entrance into that kind of commerce, he had performed some very acceptable services to that king, and got very well himself, according to which he always increased the expense and port of his living. He married into

the family of Toledo, a young lady who brought little more than her noble blood into his house; and he willingly took care that she should live in an expense equal to her birth. He had always performed great duty to his own king, and made himself still grateful to the English ambassadors, by his paying all respects to them, and behaving himself always for the honour of his nation; and by the ambassador's interposition his own king made him a baronet; the patent whereof no sooner came to his hands, than he entered it with the conseio de los ordines, and with much difficulty and contest he procured it to be registered; and then was treated with the style of don in all places, which wiped out the memory of the merchant; but in these contests, and the rhodomontadoes which accompanied them in the presents he made, and in the whole course and expense of his living, he stirred up the envy of the Spaniard, and lost the affection of his own countrymen, that is, of the merchants, for of all others he was well beloved.

About the year 1640, when the crown was very much declined in credit, and its necessities increased by the anticipation of all their revenues, they had no more security to give for any money they borrowed, but such as brought in nothing, till the present lease which had been granted should be expired; so that to make such a security to be accepted, they were obliged to grant interest, and other too advantageous conditions; and by this temptation many were drawn in to venture their estates. The affairs of Flanders were in great distress, for supplying whereof sir Benjamin Wright, upon assurance from his friends in England and

Flanders, that they would join with him, and assist him, made an assiento with the ministers, that he would presently pay so much money by the month in Flanders, upon such a branch of the revenue being assigned by the king to him for so many years, to begin three years after, when the lease that was on foot would be expired; so that he was to be out of his money near three years before he should receive any thing towards his reimbursement; but then he should enter upon a revenue which would abundantly satisfy him with principal and interest. He performed his part very punctually, expecting to enter at his time upon his assignation; and by this means, and by the same kinds of security, the necessities of that time had been provided for. When the expiration of the term drew near, by which the new assentistaes were to enter upon their several bargains, the necessities of the state appeared to be greater than before, by the unprosperousness of their affairs in all places; and there was now no possible way in view to provide for the future proportionable supplies. Hereupon the king did make a junto of divines, whereof his confessor was one, and other eminent prelates were some, who were to consider and certify the king, whether he might with a good conscience break his contract with those men, whose money he had received already, and make them satisfaction some other way, according as should be judged reasonable; whereby he might, by taking those farms into his own hands, upon which others ought to enter, be able to borrow and provide money to supply the crying necessities of the crown. This consultation was held without

calling any of the parties concerned before them; but upon the information of the ministers of state of the public necessity, and the computation of the immoderate gain the assentistaes would receive, if they enjoyed their bargain, and had the benefit of all their covenants, the divines (not without great deliberation, and contests between themselves) gave it under their names, "That the king might "with a good conscience resume those parts of "his revenue, which he had granted to others, "into his own hands, if he first gave satisfaction "to those to whom such grants had been made." And when the king's conscience was thus satisfied, a decree was made, that all those persons (who were all named) to whom the king had granted such parts of his revenue, (which were likewise named,) and upon which they were to enter upon a day to come, should receive full satisfaction, and repayment of the monies they had advanced, with interest, upon the juros of the crown, which should be assigned and made over to them by a good form in the law; and that all other persons, who would advance monies for the king's service, upon those parts of his revenue which he took into his hands, should immediately enter into the receipt. The juros are of the nature of our tenures, or of our fee-farm rents, for they are not all of one kind nor of one value. So that men knew not how to treat for them; nor could be morally sure that the same might not be suddenly taken from them again, at least by a new king. However, many, who only looked for a competent revenue for their money, made tolerable bargains, and rested contented; but they who had laid out more money

than their own, or who knew how to employ their money better, were undone by the overture, and utterly refused to receive them in satisfaction; but the decree left them no election, but determined both points positively, that they should not enjoy the benefit of their contracts, but that they should accept satisfaction by the juros. By these means poor sir Benjamin was reduced into great straits, when the king owed him very near two hundred thousand pounds sterling, according to the account then stated; and some friends of his, both in England and Flanders, were exceedingly damnified, and others utterly ruined by this decree. He himself, though fallen from his usual splendour, and his wife being likewise very seasonably dead, still enjoyed a good house, into which he received the ambassadors, kept good horses, and a coach with six mules; and retained so much of his natural generosity, that there appeared no want in the condition of his living; and he hoped and expected, by the interposition of the ambassadors, to receive some justice from the king in some extraordinary way.

The court well enough knew of their arrival, but took no notice of it. The lord Cottington therefore sent to don Lewis, to desire that he might have a private audience of him *incognito;* which he presently consented to, and appointed, the next morning, to meet in the king's garden; which was at such a distance from the court, that it was not in the view of it. There they met at the hour: don Lewis was a man of little ceremony, and used no flourishes in his discourses, which made most men believe that he said all things from his

heart; and he seemed to speak so cordially, that the lord Cottington, who was not easy to be imposed upon, did think that they should have a house very speedily, and that he had a good inclination to favour them in what they came about. He spoke, with more commotion than was natural to him, in the business of the murder of the king; excused all the omissions towards the ambassadors; "which should be repaired out of hand, after the "few days, which yet remained to be spent in "*fiestas* for the queen; during which time, he "said, no officers would obey any orders which "diverted them from the sight of the triumphs; "and wished that the ambassadors would see the "masquerade that afternoon, and the *toros* the day "following."

The lord Cottington returned home very well satisfied; and had not been half an hour in the house, when a gentleman came from don Lewis to invite the ambassadors to see those exercises, which are mentioned before; and sent them word that there should be places provided for them. The chancellor went that afternoon to the place assigned, where he saw the masquerade and running of the course. That of the masquerade is an exercise they learned from the Moors, performed by squadrons of horse, seeming to charge each other with great fierceness, with bucklers in their left hands, and a kind of cane in their right; which, when they came within little more than a horse length, they throw with all the strength they can, and against them they defend themselves with very broad bucklers; and as soon as they have thrown their darts, they wheel about in a full gallop, till they can turn to

receive the like assault from those whom they had charged; and so several squadrons of twenty or five and twenty horse run round and charge each other. It hath at first the appearance of a martial exercise; the horses are very beautiful, and well adorned, the men richly clad, and must be good horsemen, otherwise they could not obey the quick motion and turns of their horses. All the rest is too childish: the darts are nothing else but plain bulrushes of the biggest growth. After this they run the course; which is like our running at the ring, save that two men run still together, and the swifter hath the prize, a post dividing them at the end. From the start they run their horses full speed about fifty paces, and the judges are at that post to determine who is first at the end. There the king and don Lewis ran several courses, in all which don Lewis was too good a courtier to win any prize, though he always lost it by very little. The appearance of the people was very great, and the ladies in all the windows made a very rich show, otherwise the show itself had nothing wonderful. Here there happened to be some sudden sharp words between the admirante of Castile, a haughty young man, and the marquis de Liche, the eldest son of don Lewis de Haro; the which being taken notice of, they were both dismissed the squadrons wherein they were, and committed to their chambers. The next day, and so for two or three days together, both the ambassadors had a box prepared for them, to see the *toros;* which is a spectacle very wonderful, different from what they had seen at Burgos, where the bulls were

much tamer, and where they were not charged by men on horseback, and little harm done.

Here the place was very noble, being the market-place, a very large square, built with handsome brick houses, which had all balconies, which were adorned with tapestry and very beautiful ladies. Scaffolds were built round to the first story, the lower rooms being shops, and for ordinary use; and in the division of those scaffolds, all the magistrates and officers of the town knew their places. The pavement of the place was all covered with gravel, (which in summer time was upon these occasions watered by carts charged with hogsheads of water.) As soon as the king comes, some officers clear the whole ground from the common people, so that there is no man seen upon the plain but two or three alguazils, magistrates with their small white wands. Then one of the four gates which leads into the streets is opened, at which the torreadors enter, all persons of quality richly clad, and upon the best horses of Spain, every one attended by eight or ten or more lackeys, all clinquant with gold and silver lace, who carry the spears, which their masters are to use against the bulls; and with this entry many of the common people break in, for which sometimes they pay very dear. The persons on horseback have all cloaks folded upon their left shoulder, the least disorder of which, much more the letting it fall, is a very great disgrace; and in that grave order they march to the place where the king sits, and after they have made their reverences, they place themselves at a good distance from one another, and expect

the bull. The bulls are brought in the night before from the mountains by the people used to that work, who drive them into the town when nobody is in the streets, into a pen made for them, which hath a door, which opens into that large space; the key whereof is sent to the king, which the king, when he sees every thing ready, throws to an alguazil, who carries it to the officer that keeps the door, and he causes it to be opened, when a single bull is ready to come out. When the bull enters, the common people, who sit over the door or near it, strike him, or throw short darts with sharp points of steel, to provoke him to rage. He commonly runs with all his fury against the first man he sees on horseback, who watches him so carefully, and avoids him so dexterously, that when the spectators believe him to be even between the horns of the bull, he avoids by the quick turn of his horse, and with his lance strikes the bull upon a vein that runs through his pole, with which in a moment he falls down dead. But this fatal stroke can never be struck, but when the bull comes so near upon the turn of the horse, that his horn even touches the rider's leg, and so is at such a distance that he can shorten his lance, and use the full strength of his arm in the blow. And they who are the most skilful in the exercise do frequently kill the beast with such an exact stroke, insomuch as in a day two or three fall in that manner: but if they miss the vein, it only gives a wound that the more enrages him. Sometimes the bull runs with so much fierceness, (for if he escapes the first man, he runs upon the rest as they are in his way,) that he gores the horse with his horns, that his

guts come out, and he falls before the rider can get from his back. Sometimes, by the strength of his neck, he raises horse and man from the ground, and throws both down, and then the greatest danger is another gore upon the ground. In any of these disgraces, or any other by which the rider comes to be dismounted, he is obliged in honour to take his revenge upon the bull by his sword, and upon his head, towards which the standers by assist him by running after the bull and hocking him, by which he falls upon his hinder legs; but before that execution can be done, a good bull hath his revenge upon many poor fellows. Sometimes he is so unruly that nobody dares to attack him, and then the king calls for his mastiffs, whereof two are let out at a time, and if they cannot master him, but are themselves killed, as frequently they are, the king then, as a last refuge, calls for the English mastiffs, of which they seldom turn above one at a time; and he rarely misses of taking the bull and holding him by the nose till the men run in; and after they have hocked him, they quickly kill him. In one of those days there were no fewer than sixteen horses, as good as any in Spain, the worst of which would that very morning have yielded three hundred pistoles, killed, and four or five men, besides many more of both hurt: and some men remain perpetually maimed: for after the horsemen have done as much as they can, they withdraw themselves, and then some accustomed nimble fellows, to whom money is thrown when they perform their feats with skill, stand to receive the bull, whereof the worst are reserved till the last: and it is a wonderful thing to see with what

steadiness those fellows will stand a full career of the bull, and by a little quick motion upon one foot avoid him, and lay a hand upon his horn, as if he guided him from him; but then the next standers by, who have not the same activity, commonly pay for it, and there is no day without much mischief. It is a very barbarous exercise and triumph, in which so many men's lives are lost, and always ventured; but so rooted in the affections of that nation, that it is not in the king's power, they say, to suppress it, though, if he disliked it enough, he might forbear to be present at it. There are three festival days in the year, whereof midsummer is one, on which the people hold it to be their right to be treated with these spectacles, not only in great cities, where they are never disappointed, but in very ordinary towns, where there are places provided for it. Besides those ordinary annual days, upon any extraordinary accident of joy, as at this time for the arrival of the queen, upon the birth of the king's children, or any signal victory, these triumphs are repeated, which no ecclesiastical censures or authority can suppress or discountenance. For pope Pius the Fifth, in the time of Philip the Second, and very probably with his approbation, if not upon his desire, published a bull against the *toros* in Spain, which is still in force, in which he declared, that nobody should be capable of Christian burial who lost his life at those spectacles, and that every clergyman who should be present at them stood excommunicated *ipso facto*; and yet there is always one of the largest galleries assigned to the office of the inquisition and the chief of the clergy, which is always filled; besides that many

religious men in their habits get other places; only the Jesuits, out of their submission to the supreme authority of the pope, are never present there, but on those days do always appoint some such solemn exercise to be performed, that obliges their whole body to be together.

There was another accident, upon one of these days, the mention whereof is not unfit to shew the discipline and severity of that nation in the observation of order. It was remembered, that at the last masquerade, the admirante and the marquis of Liche were sent to their chambers: and afterwards, the matter being examined, they were both commanded to leave the town, and retire each to a house of his own, that was within three or four leagues of the town. The marquis of Liche was known to have gone the next day, and nobody doubted the same of the admirante, those orders being never disputed or disobeyed. The king, going to the *toros*, either himself discerned at another balcony, or somebody else advertised him of it, that the duchess, who was wife to the admirante, was there; and said, "he knew that lady "was a woman of more honour than to come out "of her house, and be present at the *fiesta*, whilst "her husband was under restraint, and in the "king's displeasure;" and therefore concluded that her husband was likewise there; and thereupon sent an alguazil to that room, with command to examine carefully with his eye, whether the admirante was there; for there appeared none but women. The admirante being a young rash man, much in the king's favour, and a gentleman of his bedchamber, thought he might undiscerned see the

triumph of that day; and therefore caused himself to be dressed in the habit of a lady, which his age would well bear, and forced his wife to go with him; who exceedingly resisted his commands, well knowing to what reproach she exposed her own honour, though she had no fear of his being discovered. The alguazil brought the king word, that he was very sure that the admirante was there, in the habit of a woman, and sat next his wife among many other ladies. Whereupon the king sent the officer to apprehend him in the habit he was in, and to carry him to his (the officer's) own house. And as soon as the king returned to the palace, there was an order that the alguazil should the next morning carry the admirante to Valladolid, four days journey from Madrid, where he had a house of his own; where he was confined not to go out of the limits of that city; and under this restraint he remained for the space of full three years: so penal a thing it is amongst that people, for any man, of how great quality soever, (there was not in Spain a man of greater than the admirante of Castile,) to disobey or elude the judgment of the king.

Though it is not the course for ambassadors to make their visits to those who come last, before they receive the first audience from the king, yet the very night they came to the town, the Venetian ambassador sent to congratulate their arrival, and to know what hour they would assign of the next day to receive a visit from him; to which they returned their acknowledgments, and that when they obtained their audience of the king, they would be ready to receive that honour from him. However,

the very next day he came to visit them; and he was no sooner gone, but the German ambassador, not sending notice till he was at the bottom of the stairs, likewise came to them; and then the other ambassadors and public ministers took their times to make their visits, without attending the audience. There was one thing very notable, that all the foreign ministers residing then in Madrid (the English ambassadors and the resident of Denmark only excepted) were Italian, and, all but the Venetian, subjects of the great duke. Julio Rospigliosi, nuncio for the pope, was of Pistoja, and so subject to the duke of Florence, a grave man, and at that time, save that his health was not good, like to come to what he was afterwards, to be pope, as he was Clement the IXth. The emperor's ambassador, the marquis of Grana, was likewise an Italian, and a subject of Florence: he had been general of one of the emperor's armies, and was sent afterwards ambassador to Madrid. He was a man of great parts; and the removing the conde duke Olivarez from court was imputed to his artifice. He made the match between the king and the present queen, for which he expected to have the cap of a cardinal, and had received it, if he had not died before the following creation, the cardinal of Hesse being nominated by the emperor upon his death. He was a man of an imperious and insolent nature, and capable of any temptation, and nobody more glad of his death than his own servants, over whom he was a great tyrant. The ambassador of Venice a noble Venetian, was a man, as all that nation is, of great civility and much profession. He was the first who told the ambassadors that

the king their master had a resident at Venice, which was Mr. Killigrew; which they did not at first believe, having, before they left St. Germain's, dissuaded the king from that purpose; but afterwards his majesty was prevailed upon, only to gratify him, that in that capacity he might borrow money of English merchants for his own subsistence, which he did, and nothing to the honour of his master, but was at last compelled to leave the republic for his vicious behaviour, of which the Venetian ambassador complained to the king, when he came afterwards to Paris.

The ambassador of the king of Poland was likewise a Florentine, who was much in favour with the king Vladislaus, from whom he was sent, and continued by king Casimir. He had lived in great splendour; but by his vicious course of life, and some miscarriages, he fell very low, and was revoked with some circumstances of dishonour. He was a man of a great wit, if it had not served him to very ill purposes.

The ambassador of Florence was a subject of his master, and an abbot, a grave man; and though he was frequently called ambassador, he was in truth but resident; which was discovered by a contest he had with the Denmark resident for place, who alleged that the other was no more than resident; which was true; and made the discovery that the Florentine sent no ambassadors to Madrid, because they are not suffered to cover, which they use to do in many other courts.

The archduke of Inspruck's minister was likewise a Florentine, and had been bred in Spain, and was a knight of the order, and supported the character

upon a small assignation from his master, for some benefit and advantage it gave him in negociations and pretences he had in that court.

The resident of Denmark was don Henrique Williamson, (he was afterwards called Rosewell,) who came secretary to Hannibal Zested who had been the year before ambassador in that court, and lived in extraordinary splendour, as all the northern ministers do, who have not their allowance from the king, but from a revenue that is purposely set aside for that kind of service. When he went away, he left this gentleman to remain there as resident. He was a grave and a sober man, wiser than most of his nation, and lived with much more plenty, and with a better retinue, than any other minister of that rank in that court.

They had not been many days in Madrid, when don Lewis sent them the news of the imprisonment of the prince of Condé, the prince of Conti, and the duke of Longueville, and that marshal Turenne was fled into Flanders: so much had the cardinal improved his condition from the time that they had left Paris. There was yet no house provided for them, which they took very heavily, and believed that it might advance the business, if they had once a public reception as ambassadors, and therefore they resolved to demand an audience. Don Lewis came to be advertised, that the ambassadors had prepared mourning for themselves and all their train against the audience, which was true, for they thought it the most proper dress for them to appear in, and to demand assistance to revenge the murder of their master, it being yet within the year; but don Lewis sent to them, that he hoped that

when the whole court was *in gala* upon the joy of the marriage of the king, and to give the queen a cheerful reception, they could not dishonour the festival by appearing *in lute*, which the king could not but take unkindly; which, he said, he thought fit to advertise them of, out of friendship, and without any authority. Whereupon, as well to comply in an affair which seemed to have somewhat of reason of it, as out of apprehension that from hence they might take occasion to defer their audience, they changed their purpose, and caused new clothes to be made, and then sent to demand their audience; upon the subject whereof, and what followed of the negociation, the relation shall be continued.

It may not be thought unnatural or impertinent to the work in hand, to make this digression upon this embassy, and to enlarge upon many circumstances which occurred in it, and to make a short description of their reception in that court, of the formality and constitution of it, and of the nature and humour of that people, which seem foreign to the affairs of England. But since the king, after his leaving Paris, remained in Jersey for many months, waiting such a revolution as might administer an opportunity and occasion to him to quit that retirement, in all which time there was no action or counsel to be mentioned at present, and this being the first and the only embassy, in which his majesty's person was represented, until his blessed return into England, (for though some other persons were afterwards sent to other princes, with commissions to perform that function, if they found encouragement so to do, yet none assumed that character, nor were treated as such in any

other court in Christendom, Spain only excepted,) it may therefore be reasonably thought a material part of this history even to give such a relation of this negociation, that it may appear what sense other kings and princes had of those revolutions in England, and of the miserable condition to which this young innocent prince was reduced, when it was fully pressed to them in the most efficacious terms possible, in which it was to be represented, and to which it was very hard to avoid giving some categorical answer; and every circumstance of their reception and treatment serves to illustrate those particulars; and therefore we shall proceed farther in the relation thereof.

Before their audience, (which they importuned for, before they could procure any house to be assigned for their habitation, as that which would, as it did, accelerate the other,) don Lewis de Haro sent them word of the imprisonment of the prince of Condé, the prince of Conti, and the duke of Longueville, and that marshal Turenne had made his escape into Flanders; the news whereof gave that court much trouble; for they had promised themselves a better harvest from that seed, which they had carefully and industriously sown, and that the cardinal, whom they perfectly hated, would be totally suppressed, and all his power entirely taken from him; which, they concluded, would forthwith produce a peace, which was no less desired in France than in Spain; or that those princes, and all their dependants, would appear in arms in that kingdom; by which they should be able to recover much of what they had lost in Flanders; the hopes of either of which appeared now

blasted by this unexpected and unfeared power of the cardinal.

Upon the day assigned for the audience, it being resolved that, when they had ended with the king, they should likewise have their audience with the queen, don Lewis de Haro sent horses to their lodging, for the accommodation of the ambassadors, and their servants: it being the fashion of that court, that the ambassadors ride to their first audience. And so they rode, being attended by all their own servants, and all the English merchants who lived in the town, together with many Irish officers who were in the service of his catholic majesty, all on horseback; so that their cavalcade appeared very fair, all the coaches of the ambassadors likewise following them. In this manner they came to the court about ten of the clock in the morning, being conducted by [an officer], who had been sent to their lodging, and rode with them to the court.

Through several rooms, where there was only one officer, who attended to open and shut the doors, they came to the room next that where his majesty was; where, after a little stay, whilst their conductor went in and out, they found the king standing upright, with his back against the wall, and the grandees at a distance, in the same posture, against the wall. When they had made their several respects, and came to the king, he lightly moved his hat, and bid them cover. The lord Cottington spoke only general things, "of the confidence the king had in "his majesty's kindness, and that he believed his "condition such, as that all the kings of the "world were concerned to vindicate the wrong he

" sustained: that this was the first embassy he had " sent, relying more upon the honour of his ma- " jesty's nature and generosity, than upon any " other prince;" with discourses of the same nature: then they presented their credentials.

The king expressed a very tender sense of the king's condition, and acknowledged " that it con- " cerned all kings to join together for the punish- " ment of such an impious rebellion and parricide; " and if his own affairs would permit it, he would " be the first that would undertake it; but that " they could not but know how full his hands " were; and whilst he had so powerful an adver- " sary to contend with, he could hardly defend " himself; but that when there should be a peace " with France," (which he desired,) " the king, " his sobrino," (for so he still called the king, his nephew,) " should find all he could expect from " him; in the mean time he would be ready to do " all that was in his power towards his assistance " and relief." After the formal part was over, the king asked many questions, most with reference to his sister, the queen of France; and discoursed very intelligently of every thing; so that his defects proceeded only from the laziness of his mind, not from any want of understanding; and he seemed then, when he was about eight and forty years of age, to have great vigour of body, having a clear ruddy complexion; yet he had been accustomed to fevers from his debauches with women, by which he was much wasted.

From the king they were conducted to the queen; who used very few words, and spoke so low, that she could scarce be heard; she stood, in

the same manner the king did, against a wall, and her ladies on both sides as the grandees did; the infanta at a little distance from her, to whom likewise they passed a compliment from their master. The queen was then about eighteen years of age, not tall, round faced, and inclined to be fat. The infanta was much lower, as she ought to be by her age, but of a very lovely complexion, without any help of art, which every one else in the room, the queen herself, was beholden to; and she was then the fullest of spirit and wit of any lady in Spain, which she had not improved afterwards, when she had more years upon her. Their audience ended, they returned, and in a few days after made all their visits, as well to don Lewis and to all the other counsellors as to the ambassadors; and at last they had a house provided for them in the Calle de Alcala, belonging to the marquis of Villa Magna, to whom the king paid four hundred pounds sterling by the year; a good house, wherein three grandees had lived; and yet, after it was put into their hands, they were compelled to defer their remove for at least a week, to devise a place where to make a kitchen, there being no chimney in the house, but in the garrets, and of those not one big enough to roast a joint of meat; but rather hearths, upon which several pipkins might be set together, according to the custom and manner of living there in the greatest families. So that there being a stable adjoining to the house, they were compelled to build a chimney and ovens there, which accommodated them well. All the rooms of reception and entertainment were well furnished out of the king's wardrobe, with tapestry-hangings and chairs,

which were changed upon the change of the season, with a cloth of state, and two very good beds for the ambassadors themselves; but they were put to hire all beds and other necessaries for the accommodation of their retinue and servants. The king's coach always waited upon them at their door. So that they began to be at much more ease, and looked more like ambassadors than they had done, and began to think of their negociation; and in regard that they had no servant who understood any thing of the court, to be sent up and down to demand audiences, and who understood what form and method was to be observed at home upon the reception of visits, and to advise the servants how they were to behave themselves on those occasions, they entertained Christopher Winnebank, a younger son of secretary Winnebank, to serve them. He had been bred at Magdalen College in Oxford, and sent from thence, when he was a young man, by his father, into Spain to understand that court under the countenance of the lord ambassador Hopton, who received him into his house as a friend for his father's sake; where he lived, made much of, till, according to the custom of his family, he fell in love with a woman, who deprived him of the conveniency he had of living in the ambassador's house, and brought him no other way of subsistence; so that his father's misfortune falling out about the same time, he was reduced to poverty, having only by change of his religion made himself the more capable of receiving obligation from the court, which, in regard of former good offices they had received from his father, promised him some pension, which they did not

pay; so that this relation to the ambassadors was very welcome and convenient to him; and his service was useful to them, being a perfect Spaniard, and an honest man. Sir Benjamin's kindness was still very necessary to them; for as they had intrusted him to receive their money which was returned from Antwerp, so he issued it out to the major-domo as there was occasion, and contracted with the dispensers, and did many other good offices for them: which good intelligence continued between them during the time of their stay there.

It will not be unseasonable in this place to take a view of the state of that court at this time, and of the kingdom, that it may be the less wondered at, that an embassy, which had no other end than to procure relief and support for a distressed prince, had no better effect.

The council of state at this time consisted of don Lewis de Haro, the duke de Medina de los Torres, duke de Mounterey, marquis of Castille Roderigo, marquis de Vall-Periso, the conde of Castrilio, and don Francisco de Melo; there were no more residing in that court then; the duke de Medina Celi residing constantly at his government of St. Lucar; the marquis of Leganez being general against Portugal, and so remained at Badajoz, and came seldom to Madrid; and the duke of Arcos stood confined to his house, since the defection of Naples when it was under his government; and the conde de Pignoranda [was] not yet come out of Flanders.

Don Lewis was as absolute a favourite in the eyes of his master, had as entire a disposal of all his affections and faculties, as any favourite of that

age: nor was any thing transacted at home or abroad, but by his direction and determination: and yet of all the favourites of that, or any other time, no man ever did so little alone, or seemed less to enjoy the delight and empire of a favourite. In the most ordinary occurrences, which, for the difficulty, required little deliberation, and in the nature of them required expedition, he would give no order without formal consultation with the rest of the council; which hindered despatch, and made his parts the more suspected, and his power the more grumbled and murmured at. He was son of the marquis of Carpio, who had married the sister of Olivarez, and had been before his favours put about the person of the king, being about the same age with his majesty, and had so grown up in his affection, and was not thought to have been displeased at the disgrace of his uncle, but rather to have contributed to it, though he did not succeed in that in many years, nor seemed to be concerned in any business till after the death of the then queen, and was rather drawn into it by the violence of the king's affection, who had a great kindness for his person, than by the ambition of his own nature, or any delight in business. His education had not fitted him for it, and his natural parts were not sharp, yet his industry was great, and the more commendable, because his nature had some repugnancy to it, and his experience had so fitted him for it, that he never spoke impertinently, and discoursed reasonably and weightily upon all subjects. He was of a melancholic complexion; seldom smiled, and was very hypochondriack; which, it may be, was the reason that he

did not trust himself in himself, which was his defect. He seemed to be a very honest and well natured man, and did very rarely manifest his power in acts of oppression, or hardheartedness; which made him grateful enough to most particular men, when he was hated enough by the generality. His port and grandeur was very much inferior to that of either of the French cardinals; who were successively favourites during his administration. Nor did he affect wealth as they did, not leaving a fortune behind him much improved by his own industry: yet it cannot be denied, that the affairs of Spain declined more, in the time they were under his government, than at any time before; and that less was done with the consumption of so much money, than might have been expected. But it must be likewise considered, that he entered upon that administration in a very unhappy conjuncture, after the loss of Portugal, and the defection in Catalonia, which made such a rent in that diadem, as would have required more than an ordinary statesman to have soldered it again, and make it flourish as before.

The duke of Medina de los Torres was a cadet of the house of Gusmann, whom for that reason the duke of Olivarez, who was of the same family, had made choice [of] to continue his house, by giving him his only daughter in marriage, and raised him to be a duke and grandee, made him *sumiller de corps,* (which is groom of the stole with us, and the second, if not the first place in the court,) and then sent him viceroy into Naples; where burying his wife without child, he married again the princess of Aviliana, an inheritrix of that

kingdom, of a great fortune, by whom he had children, and so the alliance and friendship with the condé duke expired. He was of a free and lively humour, unlike the Spaniards, and addicted to all kinds of debauchery alike, whereas they are usually indulgent but to one. He neither depended upon nor loved don Lewis, being as unlike him in his nature and humour as in his complexion, and had power enough with the king to do his own business, which was only to provide for his vast expenses, and being indeed the king's greatest confident in his walks of liberty, and so never crossed don Lewis in the general managery, and seldom came to council, except he was sent for, there being likewise great suits between don Lewis and him about some estate of the duke of Olivarez, which kept them from any intimate correspondence. He was a man of parts, and wanted nothing to be a very good statesman but application, and he was industriously without that. The duke of Monterey had married another of the sisters of the condé duke, and had been ambassador in Rome, and viceroy of Naples, and was now president de consejo de Italia, which is one of the greatest offices. He was esteemed a good man. He was slow, both by his nature and by his infirmities, being in a consumption, and spoke not to be heard at any distance. He was of great courtesy, and believed to be of great judgment, and on which don Lewis depended more than any other man's. The marquis of Castille Roderigo was the son of that Juan de Mora the Portugueze, who was secretary to Philip the Second, and was owner to a very great estate in Portugal, of which he

was dispossessed entirely from the time of the general defection of that kingdom, and was now major-domo in that court, which is the greatest office. He had been ambassador in Rome, and afterwards governor of the Low Countries. He was a man of long experience, (his son being then ambassador in the emperor's court, and had treated the marriage of the king,) and much esteemed by the king and don Lewis, but a man of mean natural parts, and by his age peevish. He had been corrupted, during the time of his government in Flanders, by his correspondence with don Alonzo de Cardinas, in his affection towards the king, and in his understanding [of] the affairs of England; so that he was looked upon as the author of those disrespects which the ambassadors had undergone. However he made great professions to them of a desire to serve his majesty; but he died during the time of their stay at Madrid. The marquis of Vall-Periso was an old man, who was for the most part kept in his bed or in his chamber by the gout, so that he was seldom at the council, but his judgment much esteemed. He had formerly had a command of horse in Flanders: and there was a marvellous difference between those men who had ever employment out of Spain, and those whose education and business had been only in Spain. He was a grave man, very civil, and esteemed for his wisdom and integrity, and thought to have good affection for the king, (our master,) and a great detestation of the rebels in England; but his age and infirmities kept him too much within doors to have a notable influence upon their counsels. The condé de Castrilio was the younger

brother of the marquis de Carpio, the father of don Lewis, otherwise of no kind of kin to his nephew. He had been bred up in the study of the law in Salamanca, where he had been eminent; and upon his stock in that knowledge came early into that court, and was so much trusted by the late queen, after the disgrace of the condé duke, to which he was thought to have contributed very much, that if she had lived, and held that power which she had newly got, he was very like to be the first minister; which did him no good when he missed it. He was presidente de las Indias, which is one of the greatest offices, and without comparison of the greatest benefit. He was a man of great parts, and a very wise man, grave and eloquent in his discourse, and was thought to understand the state of Spain better than any man. He lived within himself, as if he had a mind to be rich, and by the prejudice don Lewis had towards him, he had not that authority with the king that he deserved to have. Don Francisco de Melo was a cadet of that family in Portugal, and coming young from thence into the court, and being of sharp and quick parts, and having seen other countries, grew into great reputation there, which was not much clouded by the rebellion of the other kingdom, where he had a small estate, and in Spain a great one: he had been viceroy in several kingdoms, and governor in Flanders, where he lost the battle of Rocroix to the prince of Condé. He was a wise man, and much trusted by don Lewis; yet he had no reputation of integrity, and was thought to affect being rich by what means soever.

The ambassadors had not been there long, when

the conde of Pignoranda returned thither from his negociation in the treaty of Munster. He had been declared to be of the consejo de estado, after he had made that peace with Holland, and was admitted to it as soon as he returned. He was conde in the right of his wife only; and before, being of a good family, don Diego de Brachamonte, and bred in the study of the law, was looked upon as a good man of business, and so employed in matters of greatest trust. He was indeed a man of great parts, and understood the affairs of the world better than any man in that court, but was proud, to the height of his nation, and retained too much of the pedantry which he had brought with him from Salamanca. As soon as he returned, according to the method of that court upon great and successful employments, the presidentship de los ordines, an office of great reputation, becoming void, it was the very next day conferred upon him. The ambassadors found no benefit by his arrival, coming from Brussels, which was throughly infected by don Alonzo. The truth is, don Alonzo, who had no affection for the king, upon the memory of some disobligations when he first came over into England, and liked well his employment and residence there, used all the endeavours imaginable to have the king's condition thought to be irrecoverable and desperate, and therefore that all civilities extended towards him were cast away, and would yield no fruit, and that the commonwealth was so established, that it could never be shaken. So that Spain thought only how to make a firm friendship there, and to forget that there ever had been a king [of England], in the

confidence that there would be no more. And therefore when the ambassadors, after all ceremonies were over, had a private audience with the king, and desired, "that he would appoint commissioners, with whom they might treat about "the renewing the alliance between the two "crowns, which had been provided for by the last "treaty to be renewed within so many months "after the death of either king, and with whom "they might likewise confer upon such relief in "arms and money, as his catholic majesty would "think [proper] to send to their master into Ireland," (whither one of the ambassadors desired to hasten his journey as soon as might be; and in that memorial, which they then delivered to his catholic majesty, they had desired likewise "that "he would write to Owen O'Neile to dispose him "to submit to the king, since his standing out did "only weaken the catholic party, and would make "them less united to oppose the parliament, "whereby their own destruction would inevitably "follow, as well as irreparable damage to the "king their master,") they received shortly after an answer, sent to them by don Francisco de Melo, who told them, "that the king had sent him to "them, to confer with them upon the substance "of their last memorial. He said, the king did "not think it necessary to appoint any committee "to renew the last treaty of peace; which was "still in force, and might well be observed be"tween the two nations; and that the renewing "might be deferred till the times should mend;" implying very little less than that when the king should be in England, it would be a fit time to

renew the alliance. He said, "he was ready to "receive any propositions from them, wherein "they might more particularly set down their de- "sires, if they were ready to depart; and for "writing to Owen O'Neile," (whom he called don Eugenio,) "he had so misbehaved himself towards "his catholic majesty, by leaving his service in "Flanders, and transporting himself into Ireland "without his license, that his majesty could not in "honour write to him; but that he would take "such care, that he should know it would be "agreeable to his majesty's good liking, that he "betook himself to the service of the king of "Great Britain without reserve; which he did be- "lieve would dispose him to it:" which method they did conceive was proposed, because they should believe that the Spaniard had no hand in sending him into that kingdom, or in fomenting the rebellion; whereas at the same time don Diego de la Torre was with the Irish as resident or envoy from Spain.

This answer was evidence enough to them, how little they were to expect from any avowed friendship of that crown, though they still thought they might be able to obtain some little favour in private, as arms, and ammunition, and a small supply of money for the king's subsistence, that could hardly be taken notice of.. And therefore the chancellor of the exchequer, who was designed by the king to attend him in Ireland, expected only to hear that he was arrived there, till when he could not present his memorial so particularly as was demanded, nor prepare himself for his voyage thither: and so they rested for some time, without giving

the court any farther trouble by audiences, and enjoyed themselves in no unpleasant retreat from business, if they could have put off the thought of the miserable condition of their master, and their own particular concernments in their own country. The chancellor betook himself to the learning the language by reading their books, of which he made a good collection, and informing himself the best he could of the government and the administration of their justice; and there began his devotion upon the Psalms, which he finished in another banishment.

Whilst they were in this impatient expectation to hear from the king, who yet remained at Jersey, by which they might take their own resolutions, prince Rupert came upon the coast of Spain with the fleet under his command; which he had brought from Ireland; and had sent a letter on shore to be sent to the chancellor of the exchequer, one of the ambassadors; which the officer upon the place sent presently to don Lewis de Haro; who, in the same moment, sent it to him with a very civil salutation. The prince writ him word, "that he had brought "away all the fleet from Ireland, and that he had "received an assurance from Portugal, that he "should be very welcome thither; upon which he "was resolved, after he had attended some days to "meet with any English ships that might be prize, "to go for Lisbon; and desired him to procure "orders from the court, that he might find a good "reception in all the ports of Spain, if his occa-"sions brought him thither." The ambassadors sent immediately for an audience to don Lewis; who received them with open arms, and another

kind of countenance than he had ever done before. A fleet of the king of England, under the command of a prince of the blood, upon the coast of Spain, at a season of the year when they expected the return of their galeons from the Indies, made a great consternation amongst the people, and the court received the news of it with disorder enough. All that the ambassadors asked was granted without hesitation; and letters were despatched away that very night (copies whereof were sent to the ambassadors) by several expresses, to all the governors of the ports, and other officers, for the good reception of prince Rupert, or any ships under his command, if they came into any of the ports; and for the furnishing them with any provisions they should stand in need of, with as many friendly clauses as could have been inserted if the king had been in possession of his whole empire: so great an influence a little appearance of power had upon their spirits; and the ambassadors found they lived in another kind of air than they had done, and received every day visits and caresses from the court, and from those in authority.

But the government of these benign stars was very short: within fe wdays after, they received news, "that the prince, with the gross of his fleet, "was gone into the river of Lisbon, and that a "squadron of four or five ships, under the com- "mand of captain Allen, being severed from the "prince by a storm, was driven upon the rocks at "Carthagena; where the people of the country "had treated them very rudely, and seized both "upon the ships, and persons of the men, and the "storm continuing had wrecked two or three of

" their vessels in the road, though the guns and all " things in the ships were saved." When the ambassadors demanded justice, " and that restitution " might be made of all those goods, and ordnance, " and rigging of the ships, which not only the " people, but the governors, and officers themselves " had seized upon," they were received with much more cloudy looks than before; nor was there the same expedition in granting what they could not deny. Orders were at last given for the setting all the men at liberty, and re-delivery of the goods, that thereby they might be enabled to mend their vessels, and transport their men.

But as these orders were but faintly given, so they were more slowly executed; and colonel Popham then appeared upon the coast in the head of a stronger fleet sent out by the parliament, which came into the road of St. Andero's; from whence he writ a very insolent letter in English to the king of Spain; wherein he required, " that none " of those ships under the command of prince " Rupert, and which had revolted from the parlia- " ment, and were in rebellion against it, might be " received into any of the ports of Spain, and that " those ships which were in the ports of Cartha- " gena might be delivered to him, and the ordnance " and tackling of the other which were wrecked " might be carefully kept, and be delivered to such " person as should be authorized to receive the " same by the commonwealth of England; to " whom they belonged:" and concluded, " that as " the commonwealth of England was willing to " live in amity and good intelligence with his " catholic majesty, so they knew very well how to

" do themselves right for any injury, or discourtesy, " which they should sustain."

This imperious style made such an impression upon the court, that all the importunity the ambassadors could use could get nothing done at Carthagena in pursuance of the orders they had sent from the court; but the poor men were, after long attendance, forced to transport themselves as they were able; and two or three hundred of them marched over land, and were compelled to list themselves in the Spanish service at land; where they, for the most part, perished; care being in the mean time taken, that Popham should be received in all places, with all possible demonstration of respect and kindness; and the king sent him a ring of the value of fifteen hundred pounds. In this triumph he sailed from thence into Portugal, and dropped his anchors in the river of Lisbon, at a very small distance from the fleet of prince Rupert; and suffered not any ship to enter into that river; but denounced war against that kingdom, if that fleet were not presently delivered up into his hands.

The Portugueze had received prince Rupert very civilly, bought all the prizes he had brought thither, gave him the free use of all their ports, and furnished him with all things which he stood in need of. The queen, and the prince of Portugal then living, who was a young man of great hope and courage, made great professions of friendship to our king, and of a desire to assist him by all the ways and means which could be proposed to them. But when their river was blocked up, their ships

taken, and the whole kingdom upon the matter besieged by Popham, of which they knew the Spaniard would quickly make use, the council was astonished, and knew not what to do: their free trade with England was not only their profit, but their reputation; and if they should be deprived of that, they should not be able to preserve it any where else; which would put the whole kingdom into a flame; and therefore they besought their king, "that prince Rupert might be desired to "leave the river, and to carry his fleet from "thence;" which was not possible for him to do without fighting with the enemy, to whom he was much inferior in strength of shipping, and number of men, by the loss he had sustained at Carthagena.

The prince of Portugal had so great indignation at this overture made by the council, that he declared "he would have all the ships in the port "made ready, and would himself go on board, and "join with prince Rupert, and so fight the English, "and drive them from thence:" and he manifested a great desire to do so; but the council prevailed with the queen not to consent to that. So that in the end, after many months' stay there, and the fleet being fully supplied with whatever it stood in need of, prince Rupert found it necessary, upon the assurance the Portugueze gave him that Popham should not follow him till after two tides, to set sail and leave that kingdom; which he did with so full a gale, that Popham, after so long a stay, found it to no purpose to follow him; but took full vengeance upon Portugal for rescuing his prey from

him; until they were compelled, after great sufferings, to purchase their peace from Cromwell upon very hard conditions.

It seemed no good sign to the ambassadors that prince Rupert had left Ireland; where there were so many good ports, and where the fleet had been so necessary for the carrying on his majesty's service. But, in a short time after, they received advertisement, "that the king had laid aside his "purpose of going thither, and had taken new "resolutions." Before the marquis of Ormond could draw his army together, Cromwell had besieged Tredagh: and though the garrison was so strong in point of number, and that number of so choice men, that they could wish for nothing more than that the enemy would attempt to take them by storm, the very next day after he came before the town he gave a general assault, and was beaten off with considerable loss. But, after a day more, he assaulted it again in two places, with so much courage, that he entered in both; and though the governor and some of the chief officers retired in disorder into a fort, where they hoped to have made conditions, a panic fear so possessed the soldiers, that they threw down their arms upon a general offer of quarter: so that the enemy entered the works without resistance, and put every man, governor, officer, and soldier, to the sword; and the whole army being entered the town, they executed all manner of cruelty, and put every man that related to the garrison, and all the citizens who were Irish, man, woman, and child, to the sword; and there being three or four officers of name, and of good families, who had found some

way, by the humanity of some soldiers of the enemy, to conceal themselves for four or five days, being afterwards discovered, they were butchered in cold blood.

This insupportable loss took away all hopes from the marquis of Ormond of drawing an army strong enough, and resolute enough, together, to meet Cromwell in the field, during the summer, which was drawing to an end; and obliged him to retire into those quarters, where, in respect of the necessary passes, he might be secure, and from whence he might attempt upon the enemy. Cromwell in the mean time took no rest, but, having made himself terrible by that excess of rigour and cruelty, marched into Munster against the lord Inchiquin, and that body of English which was under his command. Here he defied fortune again; and marched so far out of the places devoted to him, and from whence he had any reasonable hope to receive supplies, that he must necessarily have been starved, and could not have retired, all the bridges over which he had passed being broken down, if the city of Cork, which he could not have forced, had not been by the garrison basely delivered up to him; those officers who had been most obliged to the lord Inchiquin, and in whom he had most confidence, unworthily betraying him, and every day forsaking him: so that by the example of Cork, and by the terror of Tredagh, the whole province of Munster in a very short time fell into his hands, except some few towns and sea-ports, which, being garrisoned by the Irish, would, neither officers nor soldiers, receive or obey any orders which were sent from the lord of Ormond. The

king receiving information of this at Jersey, gave over the thought very reasonably of adventuring himself into Ireland; and dismissed the two ships, which, by the direction of the prince of Orange, had attended so long at St. Maloes, to have wafted him thither.

Though duke Hamilton, and the earl of Lauther-dale, and the other Scottish lords, who remained in Holland when the king came into France, durst not return into their own country, yet they held intelligence with their party there. And though the marquis of Argyle had the sole power, yet he could not extinguish the impatient desire of the whole nation, to have their king come to them. And every day produced instances enough, which informed him, how the affections of the people were generally disposed, and upon how slippery ground himself stood, if he were not supported by the king; and that the government he was then possessed of could not be lasting, except he had another force to defend him, than that of his own nation. And he durst not receive any from Crom-well, who would willingly have assisted him, for fear of being entirely deserted by all his friends, who had been still firm to him. Hereupon he thought of drawing the king into Scotland, and keeping the Hamiltonian faction from entering with him, by the sentence that was already against them, and to oblige the king to submit to the covenant, and all those other obligations which were at that time established; and if his majesty would put himself into his hands upon those conditions, he would be sure to keep the power in himself under the king's name, and might reasonably hope that

Cromwell, who made no pretence to Scotland, might be well enough pleased that his majesty might remain there under his government, and assurance, that he should not give England or Ireland any disturbance.

Upon this presumption, he wished the council of Scotland, and that committee of the parliament in whom the authority was vested, to send again to the king, (who, they thought, by this time, might be weary of Jersey,) to invite him to come to them upon the old conditions; and by gratifying them in this particular, which all the people did so passionately desire, he renewed all the solemn obligations they had been before bound in, never to admit the king to come amongst them, but upon his first submitting to and performing all those conditions. And all those things being thus settled, and agreed, they sent a gentleman with letters into Jersey, to invite his majesty again to come into his kingdom of Scotland, not without a rude insinuation that it was the last invitation he would receive. The lords, who are mentioned before to be then in Holland, were glad of this advance; and believed that if the king were there, they should easily find the way home again. And therefore they prevailed with the prince of Orange, to write very earnestly to the king, and to recommend it to the queen; and themselves made great instance to the queen, with whom they had much credit, "that the king "would not lose this opportunity to improve his "condition." Nobody presumed to advise him to submit to all that was proposed; and yet it was evident, that if he did not submit to all, he could have the benefit of none; but "that he should

" make such an answer as might engage the Scots " in a treaty, for the king's better information, and " satisfaction in some particulars: which being " done, he should imply a purpose to transport his " person thither."

The spring was now coming on, and though Jersey was a convenient place to retire to, in order to consider what was next to be done, yet it was not a place to reside in, nor would be longer safe, than whilst the parliament had so much else to do, that it could not spare wherewithal to reduce it. The design for Ireland was at an end, and the despair of being welcome in any other place compelled the king to think better of Scotland; and so, according to the advice he had received, he returned an answer to the message he had received, " that there were many particulars contained in " the propositions which he did not understand, " and which it was necessary for him to be advised " in; and, in order thereunto, and that he might " be well informed and instructed in what so nearly " concerned him, he resolved, by such a time, " which was set down, to find himself in Holland; " where he desired to meet such persons as his " kingdom of Scotland would send to him, and to " confer, and treat, and agree with those upon all " things that might give his subjects of that king- " dom satisfaction; which his majesty did very " much desire to do."

The queen had so good an opinion of many of the Scottish lords, and so ill a one of many of the English who were about the king, (in truth, she had so entire a despair of all other ways,) that she was very desirous that the overtures from Scotland

should be hearkened to, and embraced: besides that she found her authority was not so great with the king, as she expected, she saw no possibility that they might be long together: she knew well that the court of France, that grew every day into a closer correspondence with Cromwell, would not endure that the king should make his residence in any part of that kingdom, and so shortened the assignations which they had made for her own support, that she was at no ease, and begun to think of dissolving her own family, and of her own retiring into a monastery; which from that time she practised by degrees: and, no doubt, that consideration which made most impression upon the king, as it had done upon his father, and terrified him most from complying with the Scots' demands, which was the alteration it would make in religion, and the government of the church, seemed not to her of moment enough to reject the other conveniences; nor did she prefer the glory of the church of England before the sordidness of the kirk of Scotland, but thought it the best expedient to advance her own religion, that the latter should triumph over the former. She therefore writ earnestly to the king her son, "that he would entertain this motion from Scotland, as his only refuge; and that he would invite commissioners to meet him in Holland, in such a place as the prince of Orange should advise;" and desired that, "in his passage thither, he would appoint some place where her majesty would meet him; that they might spend some days together in consultation upon what might concern them jointly." In all which his majesty complying,

the city of Beauvais in Picardy was appointed for the interview; where both their majesties met, and conversed together three or four days; and then the queen returned to Paris, and the king passed through Flanders to Breda; which the prince of Orange thought to be the fittest place for the treaty, the States having no mind that the king should come any more to the Hague.

The Scottish commissioners came to Breda with the very same propositions which had been formerly sent, and without the least mitigation, and as positive an exception to persons: so that if the king should incline to go thither, he must go without any one chaplain of his own: there were ministers sent from Scotland to attend, and to instruct him. His majesty must not carry with him any one counsellor, nor any person who had ever served his father in the war against the parliament. And, that nobody might have cause to complain, if they did go thither, that they were worse treated than they had reason to expect, the king himself, and all who should attend upon him, were first to sign the covenant before they should be admitted to enter into the kingdom. Very fair warning indeed: nor could any man justly except against any thing that was afterwards done to him.

Here was no great argument for consultation: no man had so ill an understanding, as not to discern the violence that was offered to honour, justice, and conscience; yet whoever objected against what was proposed, upon any of those considerations, was looked upon as a party, because he himself could not be suffered to attend the

king. It was thought to be of great weight, that they who dissuaded the king from going into Scotland, upon those rude and barbarous terms, could not propose any thing else for him to do, nor any place where he might securely repose himself, with any hope of subsistence: a very sad state for a prince to be reduced to, and which made it manifest enough, that the kings of the earth are not such a body as is sensible of the indignity and outrage that is offered to any limb of it. The Scottish lords were thought to be the most competent counsellors, since they, by going, were to be exposed to great rigour, and to undergo the severest part of all censures. They could not sit in the parliament, nor in the council, and knew well that they should not be suffered to be about the person of the king: yet all these resolved to wait upon him, and persuaded him to believe, "that his majesty's presence would dissipate those "clouds; and that a little time would produce "many alterations, which could not be presently "effected." For his majesty's signing the covenant, "he should tell the commissioners, that he "would defer it till he came thither, that he might "think better of it; and that if then the kirk "should press it upon him, he would give them "satisfaction. And they were confident, that, "after he should be there, he should be no more "importuned in it, but that even the churchmen "themselves would contend to make themselves "gracious to him."

This kind of argumentation wrought much with the prince of Orange, but more with the duke of Buckingham, who had waited upon the king from

the time of his adventure with the earl of Holland, (against whose person there was no exception,) and with Wilmot, and Wentworth, (who resolved to go with his majesty, and would submit to any conditions, which would be required of them,) and with others about the king, who could not digest the covenant; yet the hope that it would not be required from them, and the many promises those Scottish lords made to them, who were like to grow into authority again when they should be once in their native air and upon their own soil, prevailed with them to use all their credit with the king to embark himself, and try how propitious fortune would be to him in Scotland. In the end, a faint hope in that, and a strong despair of any other expedient, prevailed so far with his majesty, that he resolved, upon what terms soever, to embark himself, in Holland, upon a fleet which the prince of Orange provided for him; and so with all the Scottish, and very few English servants, to set sail for Scotland.

There were two very strong arguments, which made deep impression on those lords who very vehemently dissuaded, and ever protested against his majesty's going for Scotland, and which, as it often falls out in matters of the highest importance, they could not make use of to convert others, especially in the place and company in which they were to urge them. The first, "that the expedition of "duke Hamilton the year before, with an army as "numerous, and much better furnished, and pro- "vided, than Scotland could in many years be "again enabled to send out, made it manifest "enough, how little that nation, how united so-

" ever, could prevail against the force of Eng-
" land:" the other, " that the whole and absolute
" power of Scotland being, at that time, con-
" fessedly vested in the marquis of Argyle, it might
" reasonably be feared, and expected, that the
" king should no sooner arrive there, and the least
" appearance be discovered of such resolutions, or
" alterations in the affections of the people, upon
" which the Hamiltonian faction wholly and solely
" depended, but Argyle would immediately deliver
" up the person of the king into the hands of
" Cromwell; and, with the assistance he would
" willingly give, make that kingdom tributary or
" subservient to him, whilst the king remained his
" prisoner, and Argyle continued his vicegerent in
" Scotland." No doubt these objections had too much weight in them not to be thought worthy of apprehension, by many men, who were not blinded with passion, or amazed with despair: and though they were not able to give any other counsel, what course the king might steer with reasonable hope and security, they might yet warrantably dissuade his exposing himself to so many visible dangers as that voyage was subject to both at sea and land; and might prudently believe, that the enjoying the empty title of king, in what obscurity soever, in any part of the world, was to be preferred before the empty name of king in any of his own dominions; which was the best that could reasonably be expected from the conditions which were imposed upon him; to which he was compelled to submit.

When the ambassadors who were in Spain expected every day to hear of his majesty's being

arrived in Ireland, and had thereupon importuned that court for a despatch, the king gave them notice of this his resolution, and directed them "to remain where they were, till he could better "judge of his own fortune." They were extremely troubled, both of them having always had a strong aversion that the king should ever venture himself in the hands of that nation, which had treated his father so perfidiously. And they were now necessitated to stay there, where they had received so little encouragement, and had no reason to expect more, yet they knew not whither else to go. They therefore resolved to set the best face they could upon it, and desired an audience from the king: in which they told his catholic majesty, "that they "had received letters from the king their master; "who commanded them to inform his majesty, "who, he knew well, would be glad to hear of any "good fortune that befell him, that it had now "pleased God to work so far upon the hearts and "affections of his subjects of Scotland, that they "had given over all those factions and animosities, "which had heretofore divided them, and made "them rather instruments of mischiefs than benefit "to his blessed father, and to himself: that they "were now sensible of all those miscarriages, and "had sent unanimously to entreat his majesty to "come into that kingdom, and to take them all "into his protection: with which his majesty was "so well satisfied, that he had laid aside the "thought of transporting himself into Ireland; "which he had intended to do; and was gone "into Scotland; where the kingdom was entirely "at his devotion, and from whence he could visit

" England, or Ireland, as he found it most con-
" venient: and that he had reason to believe, that
" his friends in either of the kingdoms would
" quickly appear in arms, when they were sure to
" be so powerfully assisted, and seconded." And they said, " they would, from time to time, inform
" his majesty of the good success that should fall
" out." The king professed " to be very glad of
" this good news; and that they should assure the
" king their master, that he would be always ready
" to make all the demonstration of a brotherly
" affection that the ill condition of his own affairs
" would permit; and that, if it pleased God to give
" a peace to the two crowns, the world should see
" how forward he would be to revenge the wrong
" and indignity the king of Great Britain had
" undergone."

Though the ambassadors themselves were afflicted with the news of his majesty's being gone for Scotland, upon the too much knowledge they had of the treachery of that people, yet they found his majesty was much the more esteemed in this court by it. He was before looked upon as being dispossessed and disinherited of all his dominions, as if he had no more subjects than those few who were banished with him, and that there was an entire defection in all the rest. But now that he was possessed of one whole kingdom, in which no man appeared in arms against him, a kingdom which had been famous for many warlike actions, and which always bred a very warlike people, which had borne good parts in all the wars of Europe in this age, and had been more celebrated in them than the English had been, was a happy

advance, and administered reasonable hope that he might be established in the other two kingdoms, in one of which he was thought to have a good, and was known to have a numerous army on foot at that very time: so that the ambassadors were much better looked upon than they had been; and when they made any complaints of injuries done to any of the English merchants who lived in the ports of Spain, as they had sometimes occasion to do, upon taxes and impositions laid upon them, contrary to the treaties which had been made, and which they said were still in force, they were heard with respect; the merchants were relieved; and many favours were done to particular persons upon their desires and interposition: so that they were not so much out of countenance as they had been, and all men spoke with more freedom and detestation against the rebellion in England, and the barbarity thereof, than they had used to do.

There fell out at this time, and before the king left Holland, an accident of such a prodigious nature, that, if Providence had not, for the reproach of Scotland, determined that the king should once more make experiment of the courage and fidelity of that nation, could not but have diverted his majesty from that northern expedition; which, how unsecure soever it appeared to be for the king, was predestinated for a greater chastisement and mortification of that people, as it shortly after proved to be. When the king had left Holland, the summer before, and intended only to make France his way to Ireland, he had given his commission to the marquis of Mountrose, to gather such a force together, as by the help of the

northern princes he might be enabled to do. Upon which the marquis, who was naturally full of great thoughts, and confident of success, sent several officers who had served in Germany, and promised very much, to draw such troops together as they should be enabled to do, and himself, with a great train of officers and servants, went for Hamburg; which he appointed for the rendezvous for all these troops, and from whence he could in the mean time visit such courts of the neighbour princes and states, as he should be encouraged to do; and keep such intelligence with his friends in Scotland, as should provide for his reception.

Besides the hopes and encouragement he had received from the ambassador Wolfelte, to expect good supplies in Denmark, there were many officers of good name and account in Sweden, of the Scottish nation, who were grown rich, and lived in plenty in that kingdom. With the principal of them the marquis had held correspondence; who undertook, as well for others as for themselves, "that if the marquis engaged himself "in the king's service in the kingdom of Scotland, "they would give him notable assistance in money, "arms, and men." In a word, he sent, or went in person, to both those kingdoms; where he found the performance very disproportionable to their promises. Queen Christina had received an ambassador from England with wonderful civility and grace, and expressed a great esteem of the person of Cromwell, as a man of glorious achievements; and before she resigned the crown, which she shortly after did, she engaged it in a fast alliance with the new commonwealth, and disposed her

successor to look upon it as a necessary support to his crown. In Denmark, the marquis found good wishes enough, a hearty detestation of all the villanies which had been acted in England, and as hearty wishes for the advancement and prosperity of the king's affairs; but the kingdom itself was very poor, and full of discontent, the king not so much esteemed, because not so much feared, as his father had been, and he had been compelled to make many unreasonable concessions to Holland, that he might have assistance from them, to protect him from those assaults and invasions which were threatened from Sweden. So that the marquis was obliged to return to Hamburg, with very small supplies, from either or both those kingdoms: and there he received no better account from those officers who had been sent into Germany. His design had always been to land in the Highlands of Scotland, before the winter season should be over, both for the safety of his embarkation, and that he might have time to draw those people together, who, he knew, would be willing to repair to him, before it should be known at Edinburgh that he was landed in the kingdom. He had, by frequent messages, kept a constant correspondence with those principal heads of the clans who were most powerful in the Highlands, and were of known or unsuspected affection to the king, and advertised them of all his motions and designs. And by them advertised those of the Lowlands of all his resolutions; who had promised, upon the first notice of his arrival, to resort with all their friends and followers to him.

Whether these men did really believe, that their

own strength would be sufficient to subdue their enemies, who were grown generally odious, or thought the bringing over troops of foreigners would lessen the numbers and affections of the natives, they did write very earnestly to the marquis, "to hasten his coming over with officers, "arms, and ammunition; for which he should find "hands enough;" and gave him notice, "that the "committee of estates at Edinburgh had sent again "to the king to come over to them; and that the "people were so impatient for his presence, that "Argyle was compelled to consent to the invita-"tion." It is very probable that this made the greatest impression upon him. He knew very well how few persons there were about the king, who were like to continue firm in those principles, which could only confirm his majesty in his former resolutions against the persuasions and importunities of many others, who knew how to represent to him the desperateness of his condition any other way, than by repairing into Scotland upon any conditions. Mountrose knew, that of the two factions there, which were not like to be reconciled, they were both equally his implacable enemies; so that which soever prevailed, he should be still in the same state, the whole kirk, of what temper soever, being alike malicious to him; and hearing likewise of the successive misfortunes in Ireland, he concluded, the king would not trust himself there. Therefore, upon the whole, and concluding that all his hopes from Germany and those northern princes would not increase the strength he had already, he caused, in the depth of the winter, those soldiers he had drawn together, which did not amount to

above five hundred, to be embarked, and sent officers with them, who knew the country, with directions that they should land in such a place in the Highlands, and remain there, as they might well do, till he came to them, or sent them orders. And then in another vessel, manned by people well known to him, and commanded by a captain very faithful to the king, and who was well acquainted with that coast, he embarked himself, and near one hundred officers, and landed in another creek, not far from the other place, whither his soldiers were directed. And both the one and the other party were set safely on shore in the places they designed; from whence the marquis himself with some servants, and officers, repaired presently to the house of a gentleman of quality, with whom he had corresponded, who expected him; by whom he was well received, and thought himself to be in security till he might put his affairs in some method: and therefore ordered his other small troops to contain themselves in those uncouth quarters, in which they were, and where they were not like to be disturbed by the visitation of any enemy.

After he had stayed there a short time, it being in March about the end of the year 1649, [O. S.] he quickly possessed himself of an old castle; which, in respect of the situation in a country so impossible for any army to march in, he thought strong enough for his purpose: thither he conveyed the arms, ammunition, and troops, which he had brought with him. And then he published his declaration, "that he came with the king's commission, to assist those his good subjects, and to preserve them from oppression: that he did not

" intend to give any interruption to the treaty that " he heard was entered into with his majesty; but, " on the contrary, hoped that his being in the head " of an army, how small soever, that was faithful " to the king, might advance the same. However, " he had given sufficient proof in his former ac- " tions, that if any agreement were made with the " king, upon the first order from his majesty, he " should lay down his arms, and dispose himself " according to his majesty's good pleasure." These declarations he sent to his friends to be scattered by them, and dispersed amongst the people, as they could be able. He writ likewise to those of the nobility, and the heads of the several clans, " to " draw such forces together, as they thought neces- " sary to join with him;" and he received answers from many of them, by which they desired him " to " advance more into the land," (for he was yet in the remotest parts of Cathness,) and assured him, " that they would meet him with good numbers:" and they did prepare so to do, some really; and others, with a purpose to betray him.

In this state stood the affair in the end of the year 1649: but because the unfortunate tragedy of that noble person succeeded so soon after, without the intervention of any notable circumstances to interrupt it, we will rather continue the relation of it in this place, than defer it to be resumed in the proper season; which quickly ensued, in the beginning of the next year. The marquis of Argyle was vigilant enough, to observe the motion of an enemy that was so formidable to him; and had present information of his arrival in the Highlands, and of the small forces which he had brought with

him. The parliament was then sitting at Edinburgh, their messenger being returned to them from Jersey, with an account, "that the king "would treat with their commissioners at Breda;" for whom they were preparing their instructions.

The alarm of Mountrose's being landed startled them all, and gave them no leisure to think of any thing else than of sending forces to hinder the recourse of others to join with him. They immediately sent colonel Straghan, a diligent and active officer, with a choice party of the best horse they had, to make all possible haste towards him, and to prevent the insurrections, which they feared would be in several parts of the Highlands. And, within few days after, David Lesley followed with a stronger party of horse and foot. The encouragement the marquis of Mountrose received from his friends, and the unpleasantness of the quarters in which he was, prevailed with him to march, with these few troops, more into the land. And the Highlanders flocking to him from all quarters, though ill armed, and worse disciplined, made him undervalue any enemy who, he thought, was yet like to encounter him. Straghan made such haste, that the earl of Southerland, who at least pretended to have gathered together a body of fifteen hundred men to meet Mountrose, chose rather to join with Straghan: others did the like, who had made the same promises, or stayed at home to expect the event of the first encounter. The marquis was without any body of horse to discover the motion of an enemy, but depended upon all necessary intelligence from the affection of the people; which he believed to be the same it was when he left them.

But they were much degenerated; the tyranny of Argyle, and his having caused very many to be barbarously murdered, without any form of law or justice, who had been in arms with Mountrose, notwithstanding all acts of pardon and indemnity, had so broken their hearts, that they were ready to do all offices that might gratify and oblige him. So that Straghan was within a small distance of him, before he heard of his approach; and those Highlanders, who had seemed to come with much zeal to him, whether terrified or corrupted, left him on a sudden, or threw down their arms; so that he had none left, but a company of good officers, and five or six hundred foreigners, Dutch and Germans, who had been acquainted with their officers. With these, he betook himself to a place of some advantage by the inequality of the ground, and the bushes and small shrubs which filled it: and there they made a defence for some time with notable courage.

But the enemy being so much superior in number, the common soldiers, being all foreigners, after about a hundred of them were killed upon the place, threw down their arms; and the marquis, seeing all lost, threw away his ribbon and George, (for he was a knight of the garter,) and found means to change his clothes with a fellow of the country, and so after having gone on foot two or three miles, he got into a house of a gentleman, where he remained concealed about two days: most of the other officers were shortly after taken prisoners, all the country desiring to merit from Argyle by betraying all those into his hands which they believed to be his enemies. And thus, whe-

ther by the owner of the house, or any other way, the marquis himself became their prisoner. The strangers who were taken, were set at liberty, and transported themselves into their own countries; and the castle, in which there was a little garrison, presently rendered itself; so that there was no more fear of an enemy in those parts.

The marquis of Mountrose, and the rest of the prisoners, were the next day, or soon after, delivered to David Lesley; who was come up with his forces, and had now nothing left to do but to carry them in triumph to Edinburgh; whither notice was quickly sent of their great victory; which was received there with wonderful joy and acclamation. David Lesley treated the marquis with great insolence, and for some days carried him in the same clothes, and habit, in which he was taken; but at last permitted him to buy better. His behaviour was, in the whole time, such as became a great man; his countenance serene and cheerful, as one that was superior to all those reproaches, which they had prepared the people to pour out upon him in all the places through which he was to pass.

When he came to one of the gates of Edinburgh, he was met by some of the magistrates, to whom he was delivered, and by them presently put into a new cart, purposely made, in which there was a high chair, or bench, upon which he sat, that the people might have a full view of him, being bound with a cord drawn over his breast and shoulders, and fastened through holes made in the cart. When he was in this posture, the hangman took off his hat, and rode himself before the cart in his

livery, and with his bonnet on; the other officers, who were taken prisoners with him, walking two and two before the cart; the streets and windows being full of people to behold the triumph over a person whose name had made them tremble some few years before, and into whose hands the magistrates of that place had, upon their knees, delivered the keys of that city. In this manner he was carried to the common gaol, where he was received and treated as a common malefactor. Within two days after, he was brought before the parliament, where the earl of Lowden, the chancellor, made a very bitter and virulent declamation against him: told him, "he had broken all the covenants by "which that whole nation stood obliged; and had "impiously rebelled against God, the king, and "the kingdom; that he had committed many hor-"rible murders, treasons, and impieties, for all "which he was now brought to suffer condign "punishment;" with all those insolent reproaches upon his person, and his actions, which the liberty of that place gave him leave to use.

Permission was then given to him to speak; and without the least trouble in his countenance, or disorder, upon all the indignities he had suffered, he told them, "since the king had owned them so "far as to treat with them, he had appeared before "them with reverence, and bareheaded, which "otherwise he would not have done: that he had "done nothing of which he was ashamed, or had "cause to repent; that the first covenant, he had "taken, and complied with it, and with them who "took it, as long as the ends for which it was or-"dained were observed; but when he discovered,

" which was now evident to all the world, that pri-
" vate and particular men designed to satisfy their
" own ambition and interest, instead of consider-
" ing the public benefit; and that, under the pre-
" tence of reforming some errors in religion, they
" resolved to abridge and take away the king's just
" power, and lawful authority, he had withdrawn
" himself from that engagement: that for the league
" and covenant, he had never taken it, and there-
" fore could not break it: and it was now too
" apparent to the whole Christian world, what
" monstrous mischiefs it had produced: that when,
" under colour of it, an army from Scotland had
" invaded England in assistance of the rebellion
" that was then against their lawful king, he had,
" by his majesty's command, received a commission
" from him to raise forces in Scotland, that he
" might thereby divert them from the other odious
" prosecution: that he had executed that commis-
" sion with the obedience and duty he owed to the
" king; and, in all the circumstances of it, had
" proceeded like a gentleman; and had never suf-
" fered any blood to be shed but in the heat of the
" battle; and that he saw many persons there,
" whose lives he had saved: that when the king
" commanded him, he laid down his arms, and
" withdrew out of the kingdom; which they could
" not have compelled him to have done." He said,
" he was now again entered into the kingdom by
" his majesty's command, and with his authority:
" and what success soever it might have pleased
" God to have given him, he would always have
" obeyed any commands he should have received
" from him." He advised them, " to consider

" well of the consequence before they proceeded " against him, and that all his actions might be " examined, and judged by the laws of the land, " or those of nations."

As soon as he had ended his discourse, he was ordered to withdraw; and, after a short space, was again brought in; and told by the chancellor, " that he was, on the morrow, being the one and " twentieth of May 1650, to be carried to Edin- " burgh cross, and there to be hanged upon a " gallows thirty foot high, for the space of three " hours, and then to be taken down, and his head " to be cut off upon a scaffold, and hanged on " Edinburgh tollbooth; his legs and arms to be " hanged up in other public towns of the kingdom, " and his body to be buried at the place where he " was to be executed, except the kirk should take " off his excommunication; and then his body " might be buried in the common place of burial." He desired, " that he might say somewhat to " them;" but was not suffered, and so was carried back to the prison.

That he might not enjoy any ease or quiet during the short remainder of his life, their ministers came presently to insult over him with all the reproaches imaginable; pronounced his damnation; and assured him, " that the judgment he was the next " day to undergo, was but an easy prologue to that " which he was to undergo afterwards." After many such barbarities, they offered to intercede for him to the kirk upon his repentance, and to pray with him; but he too well understood the form of their common prayer, in those cases, to be only the most virulent and insolent imprecations against the

persons of those they prayed against, ("Lord, "vouchsafe yet to touch the obdurate heart of this "proud incorrigible sinner, this wicked, perjured, "traitorous, and profane person, who refuses to "hearken to the voice of thy kirk," and the like charitable expressions,) and therefore he desired them "to spare their pains, and to leave him to "his own devotions." He told them, "that they "were a miserable, deluded, and deluding people; "and would shortly bring that poor nation under "the most insupportable servitude ever people had "submitted to." He told them, "he was prouder "to have his head set upon the place it was ap-"pointed to be, than he could have been to have "had his picture hang in the king's bedchamber: "that he was so far from being troubled that his "four limbs were to be hanged in four cities of "the kingdom, that he heartily wished that he "had flesh enough to be sent to every city in "Christendom, as a testimony of the cause for "which he suffered."

The next day, they executed every part and circumstance of that barbarous sentence, with all the inhumanity imaginable; and he bore it with all the courage and magnanimity, and the greatest piety, that a good Christian could manifest. He magnified the virtue, courage, and religion of the last king, exceedingly commended the justice, and goodness, and understanding of the present king; and prayed, "that they might not betray him as they "had done his father." When he had ended all he meant to say, and was expecting to expire, they had yet one scene more to act of their tyranny. The hangman brought the book that had been pub-

lished of his truly heroic actions, whilst he had commanded in that kingdom, which book was tied in a small cord that was put about his neck. The marquis smiled at this new instance of their malice, and thanked them for it; and said, "he was pleased "that it should be there; and was prouder of "wearing it, than ever he had been of the garter;" and so renewing some devout ejaculations, he patiently endured the last act of the executioner.

Soon after, the officers who had been taken with him, sir William Urry, sir Francis Hay, and many others, of as good families as any in the kingdom, were executed, to the number of thirty or forty, in several quarters of the kingdom; many of them being suffered to be beheaded. There was one whom they thought fit to save, one colonel Whitford; who, when he was brought to die, said, "he "knew the reason why he was put to death; which "was only because he had killed Dorislaus at the "Hague;" who was one of those who had joined in the murder of the last king. One of the magistrates, who were present to see the execution, caused it to be suspended, till he presently informed the council what the man had said; and they thought fit to avoid the reproach; and so preserved the gentleman; who was not before known to have had a hand in that action.

Thus died the gallant marquis of Mountrose, after he had given as great a testimony of loyalty and courage, as a subject can do, and performed as wonderful actions in several battles, upon as great inequality of numbers, and as great disadvantages in respect of arms, and other preparations for war, as have been performed in this age. He

was a gentleman of a very ancient extraction, many of whose ancestors had exercised the highest charges under the king in that kingdom, and had been allied to the crown itself. He was of very good parts, which were improved by a good education: he had always a great emulation, or rather a great contempt of the marquis of Argyle, (as he was too apt to contemn those he did not love,) who wanted nothing but honesty and courage to be a very extraordinary man, having all other good talents in a very great degree. Mountrose was in his nature fearless of danger, and never declined any enterprise for the difficulty of going through with it, but exceedingly affected those which seemed desperate to other men, and did believe somewhat to be in himself which other men were not acquainted with, which made him live more easily towards those who were, or were willing to be, inferior to him, (towards whom he exercised wonderful civility and generosity,) than with his superiors or equals. He was naturally jealous, and suspected those who did not concur with him in the way, not to mean so well as he. He was not without vanity, but his virtues were much superior, and he well deserved to have his memory preserved, and celebrated amongst the most illustrious persons of the age in which he lived.

The king received an account and information of all these particulars, before he embarked from Holland, without any other apology for the affront and indignity to himself, than that they assured him, "that the proceeding against the late marquis of "Mountrose had been for his service." They who were most displeased with Argyle and his faction,

were not sorry for this inhuman and monstrous prosecution; which at the same time must render him the more odious, and had rid them of an enemy that they thought would have been more dangerous to them; and they persuaded the king, who was enough afflicted with the news, and all the circumstances of it, "that he might sooner "take revenge upon that people by a temporary "complying with them, and going to them, than "staying away, and absenting himself, which would "invest them in an absolute dominion in that king-"dom, and give them power to corrupt or destroy "all those who yet remained faithful to him, and "were ready to spend their lives in his service:" and so his majesty pursued his former resolution and embarked for Scotland.

In Ireland, after the massacre of that body of English at Tredagh, and the treacherous giving up the towns in Munster, by the officers of the lord Inchiquin, there broke out so implacable a jealousy amongst the Irish against all the English, that no orders of the marquis of Ormond found any obedience, nor could he draw an army together. At the making of the peace, he had consented that the confederate Roman catholics should name a number of the commissioners, by whose orders and ministry all levies of men, and all collections of money, were to be made, according to the directions of the lord lieutenant. And such persons were named, in whose affections, for the most part, the lieutenant was well satisfied, and the rest were such as were not like to be able to give any interruption. A certain number of these were appointed to be always in the army, and near the person of

the lord lieutenant, and the rest in their several stations, where they were most like to advance the service. Many of these commissioners were of the Roman catholic nobility, persons of honour, and very sensible of the weakness, wilfulness, and wickedness of that rebellion; and did manifest all possible zeal and affection to the king's service, engaging their persons in all enterprises of danger, and using all possible industry to raise men and money, whereby the lord lieutenant might be enabled to carry on the war in the spring. But many of the other, after those misfortunes had fallen out, which are mentioned before, either totally desponded, and rather thought of providing for themselves than for the preservation of the public; or fomented the jealousies which were amongst the Irish, and incensed them against the English, who were still with the lord lieutenant; so that his orders were not obeyed at all, or not in time, which was as bad; and their clergy and friars publicly incensed the people against the articles of the peace, and desired to have an army raised apart under a general of their own.

The lord lieutenant now discovered the reason why Owen O'Neile had refused to consent to the peace which the confederate Roman catholics had made with the king, and kept his army in Ulster from submitting thereunto, and pretended to desire to treat apart with the lord lieutenant for himself; which was then thought to proceed from the jealousy that was between him and Preston, and the animosity between those old Irish of Ulster, and the other of the other provinces. But the truth was, from the time of the marquis of Ormond's

transporting himself out of France, and that the correspondence was discovered to be between him and the lord Inchiquin, and the treaty begun with the confederate catholics, the close committee at Westminster sent secret instructions to Monk, who commanded their forces in Ireland, "that he should "endeavour to treat with Owen O'Neile, and so "divide him from the rest of the Irish;" which Monk found opportunity to do: and it was no sooner proposed than hearkened unto by O'Neile; who presently sent a trusty messenger with such propositions to Monk, as he desired to have granted to him. He offered, "with his army, which should "always consist of such a number of horse and "foot, and artillery, as should be agreed between "them, to serve the parliament; and not to sepa- "rate from their interest;" and proposed, "that "he, and all his party that should adhere to him, "should enjoy the exercise of their religion, with- "out any prejudice or disadvantage: that himself "might be restored to those lands which his ances- "tors had been possessed of in Tyrone, London- "derry, or any other parts of Ireland; and that "all those who had or would adhere to him, should "be likewise restored to their estates; and that "an act of oblivion might be granted." Monk received these propositions; and after he had per- used them, he sent him word, "that there were "some particulars, which, he doubted, would shock "and offend the parliament, and therefore desired "they might be altered;" and proposed the alterations he advised; which principally concerned the public exercise of their religion; which he so qualified, that they might well enough satisfy; and

proposed, " that, if O'Neile would consent to those " alterations, he would return the treaty signed by " him; which he would immediately send over to " the parliament for their confirmation; and that, " in the mean time, there might be a cessation of " arms between them for three months; in which " time, and much less, he presumed, he should " receive a ratification of the treaty from the par- " liament."

Owen O'Neile consented to the alterations, set his hand and seal to the treaty, and returned it to Monk, with his consent likewise to the cessation for three months. And at this time it was, that he refused to agree with the confederate council at Kilkenny in the peace with the king. Monk sent it presently to the committee, which had given him authority to do what he had done. But their affairs were now better composed at home, and some preparations were made towards sending relief for Ireland; besides, they had not authority to make any such ratification, but presented it to the parliament, which could only give it. It was no sooner reported there but the house was on fire; all men inveighed against " the presumption of Monk, who " deserved to be displaced, and to have his com- " mand taken from him, and to have exemplary " punishment inflicted on him. They remembered " how criminal they had declared it to be in the " king himself, to have treated, and made a peace " with the Irish rebels: and what would the people " think, and say, if any countenance should be " given to the same transgression by the parlia- " ment? if they should ratify a treaty made by the " most notorious of the rebels, and with that people

" under his command, who were the most noto-
" rious contrivers of that rebellion, and the most
" bloody executioners of it? for the most merciless
" massacres had been committed in Ulster, by that
" very people who now constituted that army of
" which Owen O'Neile was now general." After all the passion and choler which they thought necessary to express upon this subject, they declared, " that they had given no authority to Monk
" to enter into that treaty; and therefore, that it
" was void, and should never be confirmed by
" them; but that, since he had proceeded out of
" the sincerity of his heart, and as he thought
" (how erroneously soever) for the good and bene-
" fit of the commonwealth, he should be excused;
" and no farther questioned thereupon." For they knew well, that he could produce such a warrant from those in authority, as would well justify his proceeding: and so the treaty with Owen O'Neile became void, though they had received a very considerable benefit by it; for though the Scots in Ulster had not yet submitted to the peace, and had not received directions from Edinburgh to acknowledge the authority of the lord lieutenant, which they ought to have had before that time, yet, after the murder of the late king, they had used all acts of hostility against the parliament forces, and had besieged Londonderry; the only considerable place that yielded obedience to the parliament; which was defended by sir Charles Coote, and when it was brought to some extremity, by the cessation made with Owen O'Neile, and by his connivance and assistance, Londonderry was relieved; and O'Neile, finding himself deluded by the parliament,

sent then to offer his service and conjunction to the lord lieutenant, with abundant professions of fidelity and revenge.

Cromwell made notable use of this animosity between the Irish amongst themselves, and of the jealousy they all appeared to have of the marquis of Ormond, and of those who adhered to him; and used all the endeavours he could, by some prisoners who were taken, and by others who were in the towns which were betrayed to him, and were well known to have affection for the marquis, to procure a conference with him. He used to ask in such company, "what the marquis of Ormond had to do "with Charles Stuart, and what obligations he "had ever received from him?" And then would mention the hard measure his grandfather had received from king James, and the many years imprisonment he had sustained by him, for not submitting to an extrajudicial and private determination of his; which yet he was at last compelled to do. He said, "he was confident, if the marquis "and he could meet together, upon conference, "they should part very good friends." And many of those with whom he held these discourses, by his permission and license, informed the marquis of all he said; who endeavoured nothing but to put himself into such a posture, as to be able to meet him as he desired to do.

When Cromwell saw that he should be able to do nothing that way, and knew well enough that, besides the army that yet remained under Owen O'Neile, so much disobliged and provoked, there were still vast bodies of the Irish, which might be drawn together into several armies, much greater

and superior in number to all his forces, and that they had several great towns and strong holds in their power, he declared a full liberty and authority to all the officers with the Irish, and to all other persons whatsoever, to raise what men they would, and to transport them for the service of any foreign princes with whom they could make the best conditions; and gave notice to the Spanish and French ministers, and agents at London, of the liberty he had granted. Upon which many officers who had served the king, and remained in London in great poverty and want, made conditions with don Alonzo de Cardinas, to raise regiments and transport them into Spain; and many officers, who were already in Spain, as well English as Irish, contracted with the ministers in that court to raise and transport several regiments into that kingdom from Ireland; for which they received very great sums of money in hand; many merchants joining with them in the contract, and undertaking the transportation upon very good conditions; there being no other danger but of the sea in the undertaking; insomuch that, in very few months above a year, there were embarked in the ports of Ireland about five and twenty thousand men for the kingdom of Spain; whereof not half were ever drawn into the field there, and very few ever lived to return. For the officers and masters of ships, who contracted, and were bound to deliver their men at such ports as were assigned to them, and where care was taken for their reception, and conduct to the quarters which were appointed, according to the service to which they were designed, either for Catalonia or Portugal, (after they had been long at sea, by

which the soldiers, who were crowded more together into one ship than was fit for so long voyages, had contracted many diseases, and many were dead, and thrown overboard,) as soon as they came upon the coast made all haste to land, how far soever from the place at which they stood bound to deliver their men; by which, in those places that could make resistance, they were not suffered to land, and in others no provision was made for their reception or march, but very great numbers were starved or knocked in the head by the country people, and few ever came up to the armies, except officers; who flocked to Madrid for the remainder of their monies; where the ministers received them with reproaches for not observing their conditions, and refused to pay either them, or the masters of the ships, what remained to be paid by them. This was the case of too many: though the truth is, where the articles were punctually observed, and the ships arrived in the very ports assigned, by the defect in the orders sent from the court, or the negligent execution of them, the poor men were often kept from disembarking, till some officers went to Madrid, and returned with more positive orders, and afterwards so ill provision was made for their refreshing and march, that rarely half of those who were shipped in Ireland, ever lived to do any service in Spain: and nothing could be more wonderful, than that the ministers there should issue out such vast sums in money for the raising of soldiers, and bringing them into the kingdom at very liberal and bountiful rates to the officers, and take so very little care to cherish and nourish

them, when they came thither; which manifested how loose the government was.

It is very true, that there was at that time a much greater inclination in the Irish for the service of Spain, than of France; yet the cardinal employed more active and dexterous instruments to make use of the liberty that was granted, and shipping was more easily procured, the passage being shorter; insomuch that there were not fewer than twenty thousand men at the same time transported out of Ireland into the kingdom of France; of whose behaviour in the one kingdom and the other, there will be abundant argument hereafter to discourse at large. In the mean time, it is enough to observe that when the king's lieutenant, notwithstanding all the promises, obligations, and contracts, which the confederate Roman catholics had made to and with him, could not draw together a body of five thousand men, (by which he might have been able to have given some stop to the current of Cromwell's successes,) Cromwell himself found a way to send above forty thousand men out of that kingdom for service of foreign princes; which were enough to have driven him from thence, and to have restored it to the king's entire obedience.

In England, the spirits of all the loyal party were so broken and subdued, that they could scarce breathe under the insupportable burdens which were laid upon them by imprisonments, compositions, and sequestrations. Whatever articles they had made in the war, and whatever promises had been made of pardon and indemnity,

they were now called upon to finish their composition for their delinquency, and paid dear for the credit they had given to the professions and declarations of the army, when it seemed to have pity, and complained of the severe and rigorous proceeding against the king's party, and extorting unreasonable penalties from them; which then they desired might be moderated. But now the mask was off, they sequestered all their estates, and left them nothing to live upon, till they should compound; which they were forced to do at so unreasonable rates, that many were compelled to sell half, that they might enjoy the other towards the support of their families; which remainder was still liable to whatever impositions they at any time thought fit to inflict upon them, as their persons were to imprisonment, when any unreasonable and groundless report was raised of some plot and conspiracy against the state.

The parliament, which consisted only of those members who had sat in judgment, and had solemnly murdered the king, and of those who as solemnly under their hands had approved and commended what the others had done, met with no opposition or contradiction from any, but an entire submission from all to all they did, except only from that part of their own army which had contributed most to the grandeur and empire of which they were possessed, the levellers. That people had been countenanced by Cromwell to enter into cabals and confederacies to corrupt and dissolve the discipline of the army, and by his artifices had been applied to bring all his crooked designs to pass. By them he broke the strict union between

the parliament and the Scots, and then took the king out of the hands of the parliament, and kept him in the army, with so many fair professions of intending better to his majesty, and his party, than the other did; by them the presbyterians had been affronted and trodden under foot, and the city of London exposed to disgrace and infamy; by them he had broken the treaty of the Isle of Wight; driven out of the parliament, by force of arms, all those who desired peace, and at last executed his barbarous malice upon the sacred person of the king: and when he had applied them to all those uses, for which he thought them to be most fit, he hoped and endeavoured to have reduced them again, by a severe hand, into that order and obedience from whence he had seduced them, and which was now as necessary to his future purpose of government. But they had tasted too much of the pleasure of having their part and share in it, to be willing to be stripped, and deprived of it; and made an unskilful computation of what they should be able to do for the future, by the great things they had done before in those changes and revolutions which are mentioned; not considering, that the superior officers of the army were now united with the parliament, and concurred entirely in the same designs. And therefore when they renewed their former expostulations and demands from the parliament, they were cashiered, and imprisoned, and some of them put to death. Yet after Cromwell, who had persecuted them with great fury, was gone for Ireland, they recovered their courage, and resolved to obtain those concessions by force, which were refused to be granted upon their

request: and so they mutinied in several parts, upon presumption that those of the army, who would not join with them in public, would yet never be prevailed with to oppose, and reduce them by force. But this confidence deceived them; for the parliament no sooner commanded their general Fairfax to suppress them, than he drew troops together, and fell upon them at Banbury, and in other places; and by killing some upon the place, and executing others to terrify the rest, he totally suppressed that faction; and the orders of those at Westminster met with no more opposition.

This was the state and condition of the three kingdoms when the king embarked himself in Holland for Scotland, and at the end of the year 1649. [Old Style.] And since the next year afforded great variety of unfortunate actions, we will end this discourse, according to the method we have used, with this year: though hereafter we shall not continue the same method; but comprehend the occurrences of many years, whilst the king rested in a patient expectation of God's blessing and deliverance, in less room.

THE END OF THE TWELFTH BOOK.

THE HISTORY OF THE REBELLION, &c.

BOOK XIII.

EXODUS ix. 16; 17.—*And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people?*

THE marquis of Argyle, who did not believe that the king would ever have ventured into Scotland upon the conditions he had sent, was surprised with the account the commissioners had given him, "that his majesty resolved to embark the next "day; that he would leave all his chaplains and "his other servants behind him, and only deferred "to take the covenant himself till he came thither, "with a resolution to satisfy the kirk if they pressed "it." Thereupon he immediately despatched away another vessel with new propositions, which the commissioners were to insist upon, and not to consent to the king's coming into that kingdom, with-

out he likewise consented to those. But that vessel met not with the king's fleet, which, that it might avoid that of the parliament, which attended to intercept the king, had held its course more northward, where there is plenty of good harbours; and so had put into a harbour near Stirling, that is, within a day's journey of it, but where there was no town nearer for his majesty's reception, or where there was any accommodation even for very ordinary passengers.

From thence notice was sent to the council of the king's arrival: the first welcome he received was a new demand "that he would sign the cove-"nant himself, before he set his foot on shore;" which all about him pressed him to do: and he now found, that he had made haste thither upon very unskilful imaginations and presumptions: yet he consented unto what they so imperiously required, that he might have leave to put himself into the hands of those who resolved nothing less than to serve him. The lords of the other party, who had prevailed with him to submit to all that he had done, quickly found that they had deceived both him and themselves, and that nobody had any authority but those men who were their mortal enemies. So that they would not expose themselves to be imprisoned, or to be removed from the king; but, with his majesty's leave, and having given him the best advice they could, what he should do for himself, and what he should do for them, they put themselves on shore before the king disembarked; and found means to go to those places where they might be some time concealed, and which were like to be at distance enough from

the king. And shortly after duke Hamilton retired to the island of Arran, which belonged to himself; where he had a little house well enough accommodated, the island being for the most part inhabited with wild beasts: Lautherdale concealed himself amongst his friends, taking care both to be well informed of all that should pass about the king, and to receive their advice upon any occasions.

The king was received by the marquis of Argyle with all the outward respect imaginable; but, within two days after his landing, all the English servants he had of any quality were removed from his person, the duke of Buckingham only excepted. The rest, for the most part, were received into the houses of some persons of honour, who lived at a distance from the court, and were themselves under a cloud for their known affections, and durst only attend the king to kiss his hand, and then retired to their houses, that they might give no occasion of jealousy; others of his servants were not suffered to remain in the kingdom, but were forced presently to re-embark themselves for Holland; amongst which was Daniel O'Neile, who hath been often mentioned before, and who came from the marquis of Ormond into Holland, just when his majesty was ready to embark, and so waited upon him; and was no sooner known to be with his majesty, (as he was a person very generally known,) but he was apprehended by order from the council, for being an Irishman, and having been in arms on the late king's behalf in the late war; for which they were not without some discourse of putting him to death; but they did immediately banish him the kingdom, and obliged him to sign a paper,

by which he consented to be put to death, if he were ever after found in the kingdom.

They sent away likewise Mr. Robert Long, who was his principal, if not only, secretary of state, and had very much persuaded his going thither; and sir Edward Walker, who was clerk of the council, and had been secretary at war during the late war, and some others, upon the like exceptions. They placed other servants of all conditions about the king, but principally relied upon their clergy; who were in such a continual attendance about him, that he was never free from their importunities, under pretence of instructing him in religion: and so they obliged him to their constant hours of their long prayers, and made him observe the Sundays with more rigour than the Jews accustomed to do [their sabbath]; and reprehended him very sharply if he smiled on those days, and if his looks and gestures did not please them, whilst all their prayers and sermons, at which he was compelled to be present, were libels, and bitter invectives against all the actions of his father, the idolatry of his mother, and his own malignity.

He was not present in their councils, nor were the results thereof communicated to him; nor was he, in the least degree, communicated with, in any part of the government: yet they made great show of outward reverence to him, and even the chaplains, when they used rudeness and barbarity in their reprehensions and reproaches, approached him still with bended knees, and in the humblest postures. There was never a better courtier than Argyle: who made all possible address to make himself

gracious to the king, entertained him with very pleasant discourses, with such insinuations, that the king did not only very well like his conversation, but often believed that he had a mind to please and gratify him: but then, when his majesty made any attempt to get some of his servants about him, or to reconcile the two factions, that the kingdom might be united, he gathered up his countenance, and retired from him, without ever yielding to any one proposition that was made to him by his majesty. In a word, the king's table was well served; there he sat in majesty, waited upon with decency: he had good horses to ride abroad to take the air, and was then well attended; and, in all public appearances, seemed to want nothing that was due to a great king. In all other respects, with reference to power to oblige or gratify any man, to dispose or order any thing, or himself to go to any other place than was assigned to him, he had nothing of a prince, but might very well be looked upon as a prisoner.

But that which was of state and lustre made most noise, and was industriously transmitted into all nations and states; the other of disrespect or restraint was not communicated; and if it could not be entirely concealed, it was considered only as a faction between particular great men, who contended to get the power into their hands, that they might the more notoriously and eminently serve that prince whom they all equally acknowledged. The king's condition seemed wonderfully advanced, and his being possessed of a kingdom without a rival, in which there was no appearance of an enemy, looked like an earnest for the recovery of

the other two, and, for the present, as a great addition of power to him in his kingdom of Ireland, by a conjunction and absolute submission of all the Scots in Ulster to the marquis of Ormond, the king's lieutenant there.

All men who had dissuaded his majesty's repair into Scotland were looked upon as very weak politicians, or as men who opposed the public good, because they were excluded, and might not be suffered to act any part in the adventure; and they who had advanced the design valued themselves exceedingly upon their activity in that service. The States of Holland thought they had merited much in suffering their ships to transport him, and so being ministerial to his greatness; which they hoped would be remembered; and they gave all countenance to the Scottish merchants and factors who lived in their dominions, and some secret credit, that they might send arms and ammunition, and whatsoever else was necessary for the king's service, into that kingdom. France itself looked very cheerfully upon the change; congratulated the queen with much ceremony, and many professions; and took pains to have it thought and believed, that they had had a share in the counsel, and contributed very much to the reception the king found in Scotland, by their influence upon Argyle and his party. And it hath been mentioned before, how great a reputation this little dawning of power, how clouded soever, gave to the ambassadors in Spain, and had raised them from such a degree of disrespect, as was nearest to contempt, to the full dignity and estimation in that court that was due to the station in which they were.

There fell out there an accident at this time, which was a great manifestation of the affection of that court, and indeed of the nation. As don Alonzo de Cardinas had used all the credit he had, to dispose that court to a good correspondence with the parliament, so he had employed as much care to incline those in England to have a confidence in the affection of his master, and assured them, "that if they would send an ambassador or "other minister into Spain, he should find a very "good reception." The parliament, in the infancy of their commonwealth, had more inclination to make a friendship with Spain than with France, having at that time a very great prejudice to the cardinal; and therefore, upon this encouragement from don Alonzo, they resolved to send an envoy to Madrid; and made choice of one Ascham, a scholar, who had written a book to determine in what time, and after how many years, the allegiance which is due from subjects to their sovereigns, comes to be determined after a conquest; and that from that term it ought to be paid to those who had subdued them: a speculation they thought fit to cherish.

This man, unacquainted with business, and unskilled in language, attended by three others, the one a renegado Franciscan friar, who had been bred in Spain, and was well versed in the language; another, who was to serve in the condition of a secretary; and the third, an inferior fellow for any service, arrived all at Seville or Cadiz in an English merchant's ship: of which don Alonzo gave such timely notice, that he was received and entertained by the chief magistrate at his landing,

until they gave notice of it to the court. The town was quickly full of the rumour, that an ambassador was landed from England, and would be received there; which nobody seemed to be well pleased with. And the ambassadors expostulated with don Lewis de Haro with some warmth, "that "his catholic majesty should be the first Christian "prince that would receive an ambassador from "the odious and infamous murderers of a Christian "king, his brother and ally; which no other prince "had yet done, out of the detestation of that hor-"rible parricide." And therefore they desired him, "that Spain would not give so horrid an ex-"ample to the other parts of the world." Don Lewis assured them, "that there was no such "thing as an ambassador coming from England, "nor had the king any purpose to receive any: "that it was true, they were informed that there "was an English gentleman landed at Cales, and "come to Seville; who said, he was sent from the "parliament with letters for the king; which was "testified by a letter from don Alonzo de Cardinas "to the duke of Medina Celi; who thereupon had "given order for his entertainment at Seville, till "the king should give further order: that it was "not possible for the king to refuse to receive the "letter, or to see the man who brought it; who "pretended no kind of character: that having an "ambassador residing in England to preserve the "trade and commerce between the two nations, "they did believe, that this messenger might be "sent with some propositions from the English "merchants for the advancement of that trade; "and if they should refuse to hear what he said, it

"might give a just offence, and destroy all the "commerce; which would be a great damage to "both nations."

That this new agent might come securely to Madrid, an old officer of the army was sent from Seville to accompany him thither; who came with him in the coach, and gave notice every night to don Lewis of their advance. There were at that time, over and above the English merchants, many officers and soldiers in Madrid, who had served in the Spanish armies, both in Catalonia and in Portugal; and these men had consulted amongst themselves how they might kill this fellow, who came as an agent from the new republic of England; and half a dozen of them, having notice of the day he was to come into the town, which was generally discoursed of, rode out of the town to meet him; but, missing him, they returned again, and found that he had entered into it by another way; and having taken a view of his lodging, they met again the next morning; and finding, accidentally, one of the ambassadors' servants in the streets, they persuaded him to go with them, and so went to the house where Ascham lodged; and, without asking any questions, walked directly up the stairs into his chamber, leaving a couple of their number at the door of the street, lest, upon any noise in the house, that door might be shut upon them. They who went up drew their swords; and besides their intentions, in disorder, killed the friar as well as the agent; and so returned to their companions with their swords naked and bloody, and some foolish expressions of triumph, as if they had performed a very gallant and a jus-

tifiable service. Notwithstanding all which, they might have dispersed themselves, and been secure, the people were so little concerned to inquire what they had done. But they being in confusion, and retaining no composed thoughts about them, finding the door of a little chapel open, went in thither for sanctuary: only he who was in the service of the ambassadors separated himself from the rest, and went into the house of the Venetian ambassador. By this time the people of the house where the man lay had gone up into the chamber; where they found two dead, and the other two crept, in a terrible fright, under the bed; and the magistrates and people were about the church, and talking with and examining the persons who were there: and the rumour was presently divulged about the town, "that one of the English ambassadors was "killed."

They were at that time entering into their coach to take the air, according to an appointment which they had made the day before. When they were informed of what had passed, and that Harry Progers, who was their servant, had been in the action, and was retired to the house of the Venetian ambassador, they were in trouble and perplexity; dismissed their coach, and returned to their lodging. Though they abhorred the action that was committed, they foresaw, the presence of one of their own servants in it, and even some passionate words they had used, in their expostulation with don Lewis, against the reception of such a messenger, as if "the king their master had too "many subjects in that place, for such a fellow to "appear there with any security," would make it

be believed by many, that the attempt had not been made without their consent or privity. In this trouble of mind, they immediately writ a letter to don Lewis de Haro, to express the sense they had of this unfortunate rash action; "of which, they "hoped, he did believe, if they had had any notice "or suspicion, they would have prevented it, by "exposing their own persons." Don Lewis returned them a very dry answer; "That he could "not imagine that they could have a hand in so "foul an assassination in the court," (for all Madrid is called and looked upon as the court,) "of a person under the immediate protection of "the king: however, that it was an action so un-"heard of, and so dishonourable to the king, that "his majesty was resolved to have it examined to "the bottom, and that exemplary justice should be "done upon the offenders; that his own ambassador "in England might be in great danger upon this "murder; and that they would send an express "presently thither, to satisfy the parliament how "much his catholic majesty detested and was "offended with it, and resolved to do justice upon "it; and if his ambassador underwent any incon-"venience there, they were not to wonder if his "majesty were severe here;" and so left it to them to imagine that their own persons might not be safe.

But they knew the temper of the court too well, to have the least apprehension of that: yet they were a little surprised, when they first saw the multitude of people gathered together about their house, upon the first news of the action; insomuch that the street before their house, which was the

broadest in Madrid, (the Calle de Alcala,) was so thronged, that men could hardly pass. But they were quickly out of that apprehension, being assured, that the jealousy that one of the English ambassadors had suffered violence had brought that multitude together; which they found to be true; for they no sooner shewed themselves in a balcony to the people, but they saluted them with great kindness, prayed for the king their master, cursed and reviled the murderers of his father; and so departed. They who had betaken themselves to the chapel were, the next day or the second, taken from thence by a principal officer after examination, and sent to the prison: the other was not inquired after; but, having concealed himself for ten or twelve days, he went out of the town in the night; and, without any interruption or trouble, went into France.

Of all the courts in Christendom, Madrid is that where ambassadors and public ministers receive the greatest respect, which, besides the honour and punctuality of that people, bred up in the observation of distances and order, proceeds from the excellent method the ambassadors have of living with mutual respect towards each other, and in mutual concernment for each other's honour and privileges: so that, if any ambassador, in himself or his servants, receive any affront or disrespect, all the other ambassadors repair to him, and offer their service and interposition; by which means they are not only preserved from any invasion by any private and particular insolence, but even from some acts of power, which the court itself hath sometime thought fit to exercise, upon an extra-

ordinary occasion, towards a minister of whom they had no regard. All are united on the behalf of the character; and will not suffer that to be done towards one, which, by the consequence, may reflect upon all.

It cannot be imagined, with what a general compassion all the ambassadors looked upon these unhappy gentlemen, who had involved themselves by their rashness in so much peril. They came to the English ambassadors to advise and consult what might be done to preserve them, every one offering his assistance. The action could in no degree be justified; all that could be urged and insisted upon in their behalf, was the privilege of sanctuary; "They had betaken themselves to the church; and "the taking them from thence, by what authority "soever, was a violation of the rights and immu-"nities of the church, which, by the law of the "kingdom, was ever defended with all tenderness." So that, before the guilt of the blood could be examined, the prisoners desired "that their privi-"lege might be examined, and that they might "have counsel assigned them to that purpose;" which was granted; and several arguments were made upon the matter of law before the judges; who were favourable enough to the prisoners. The king's counsel urged, "that in case of assas-"sination the privilege of sanctuary was never "allowed," (which is true,) and cited many precedents of late years in Madrid itself, where, for less crimes than of blood, men had been taken out of the sanctuary, and tried, and executed. The English ambassadors thought not fit to appear on their behalf, and yet were not willing that the new

republic should receive so much countenance from that court, as would have resulted from putting those gentlemen to death, as if they had killed a public minister. The pope's nuncio, Julio Rospigliosi, who was afterwards Clement IX, could not, according to the style of the Roman court, either give or receive visits from the English ambassadors; but they performed civilities to each other by messages, and passed mutual salutations, with all respect to each other, as they met abroad. And the Venetian ambassador brought them frequent assurances, "that the nuncio had spoken very "effectually to the king, and to don Lewis, for the "redelivery of the prisoners to the church, and "pressed it so hard upon the conscience of the king, "that he had some promise that they should not "suffer."

In the mean time, thundering letters came from the parliament, with great menaces what they would do, if exemplary justice was not inflicted upon those who had murdered their envoy; and don Alonzo urged it, as if "he thought himself in "danger till full satisfaction should be given in "that particular;" all which for the present made deep impression, so that they knew not what to do; the king often declaring, "that he would not "infringe the privilege of the church, and so "undergo the censure of the pope, for any ad-"vantage he could receive with reference to any "of his dominions." In the end, (that the discourse of this affair may not be resumed again hereafter,) after a long imprisonment, (for during the ambassadors' stay they would not bring them to any trial, lest they might seem to do any thing

upon their solicitation,) the prisoners were proceeded against as soon, or shortly after the ambassadors had left Madrid, and were all condemned to die; and as soon as the sentence was declared, all the prisoners were again delivered into the same church; where they remained many days, having provisions of victuals sent to them by many persons of quality, until they had all opportunity to make their escape, which was very successfully done by all but one; who, being the only protestant amongst them, was more maliciously looked after and watched, and was followed, and apprehended after he had made three days journey from Madrid, and carried back thither, and put to death: which was all the satisfaction the parliament could obtain in that affair; and is an instance how far that people was from any affection to those of England in their hearts, how much soever they complied with them out of the necessity of their fortune.

When some weeks were passed after that unlucky accident, the ambassadors went to confer with don Lewis upon some other occurrence, with no purpose of mentioning any thing of the prisoners. Don Lewis spoke of it in a manner they did not expect; one expression was, "*Yo tengo invidia de estos cavaleros, &c.* I envy those gentle-"men for having done so noble an action, how "penal soever it may prove to them, to revenge "the blood of their king. Whereas," he said, "the king his master wanted such resolute sub-"jects; otherwise he would never have lost a "kingdom, as he had done Portugal, for want of "one brave man; who, by taking away the life of "the usurper, might at any time, during the

" first two years, have put an end to that rebel-
" lion."

Though the privileges of ambassadors were much greater in that court than in any other, and that they lived much better towards each other, than ambassadors used to do in any other court, yet they used to communicate those privileges more easily, and to admit men to usurp that title, who had no pretence to it. Not that the king permitted them to cover, which they never affected, nor could he ever have endured; but in all other respects they were treated as such; and the ambassadors were obliged to do so, except they were under some obligation to the contrary. There were at that time two instances of that kind, though upon different negociations. The one was in the count of Swaffenburgh, who came, as they said, ambassador from the archduke Leopold, who was only a prince by appellation, without any territory, and was then actually in the service of the king of Spain, as governor of the Low Countries, though under such a restrained commission, that the count of Fuenfaldagna, with two or three other Spanish counsellors, had authority in many cases to control his determinations. The count of Swaffenburgh was his chief servant and confident; and being a man of good parts and spirit, used to enter into sharp contests and disputes with those ministers in the right and behalf of his master; whereupon he was become suspected and disliked in the court at Madrid, and was now sent by the archduke, not only to insist upon the rights of his place, and to complain of the infringement of them, but to justify himself, and to wipe off those aspersions which

had been cast upon him; and yet he was received under the title and style of ambassador, treated with *excellenza*, and waited upon by one of the king's coaches, and upon the day of his audience rode to the court attended by all the other ambassadors' coaches; and because they neither liked his person or his business, and resolved not to gratify him in any thing he came about, or desired, they used him with the more ceremony and respect; and there being a sudden accident one day, which looked like an affront to him, when, in a crowd of coaches upon one of those solemn days, when the king and all the court and all ambassadors use to take the air, in a little field that can hardly receive all the company, the count's coach stood, where the duke of Alberquerque had a mind to pass; and the other coachman refusing to yield the way, the duke alighted out of his coach, and with sword in the scabbard struck him over the head, the count being himself in the coach, which the duke protested not to have known, till after he had struck his coachman; when the count bade his coachman drive out of the field; and, as soon as he was retired out of the company, he sent a gentleman to the duke, to let him know that he expected to see him with his sword in his hand. But the business was taken notice of before, and the king had commanded the duke of Alberquerque to his house; and it being so unusual a thing, and unsuitable to the Spanish gravity, for a grandee to go out of his coach to strike a coachman, it was looked upon as a purposed and designed injury. All the ambassadors met the next morning at the count's lodging, to offer their service, and to consult what was to

be done, to repair their character, but found the condé most inclined and resolved to do justice to himself; but the punctuality of the court prevented any further pursuit, by obliging the duke of Alberquerque first to write to the count, and to protest that he did not know that he was in the coach, nor had the least thought to affront him, and then to go to his lodgings, and ask his pardon; both which he performed: which was an imposition and condescension that the grandees looked upon as very extraordinary.

The other, who was received and countenanced as an ambassador, was the marquis of Lusignon, who was sent by the prince of Condé, and was commonly called the prince of Condé's ambassador, who was likewise attended by one of the king's coaches. It is true, he had not so formal an audience as the count of Swaffenburgh had, but intimation was given to all the ambassadors, that the king expected that they should visit him; which all did, but the English ambassadors, who did not think fit, both in respect of their master or themselves, to give such umbrage to France, and so forbore to shew any respect or civility towards him. This unhappy gentleman, after a journey or two in that negociation to Madrid, was taken in his return, and after some months of imprisonment, had his process made, and lost his head.

[To return now to the affairs of Scotland:] whether, when the marquis of Argyle first knew that the king would venture himself into Scotland, he suspected his own strength, and so sent for his friend Cromwell to assist him; or whether it seemed more reasonable to the parliament, when it

was assured of the king's being there, to visit him in that kingdom, than to expect a visitation from him, is not enough clear at this time. But as soon as the king was in Scotland, Cromwell, being sent for by the parliament, left what remained to be done in Ireland to Ireton, (who had married his daughter,) and made him deputy; and transported himself into England; where the parliament, not without great opposition from all the presbyterian party, resolved to send an army into Scotland. Many opposed it, as they thought it an unjust and unprofitable war, and knew it must be a very expensive one; and others, because it would keep up and increase the power and authority of the army in England; which was already found to be very grievous.

This resolution produced another great alteration: Fairfax, who had hitherto worn the name of general, declared positively that he would not command the army against Scotland. The presbyterians said, "it was because he thought the war "unlawful, in regard it was against those of the "same religion;" but his friends would have it believed, that he would not fight against the king. Hereupon Cromwell was chosen general; which made no alteration in the army; which he had modelled to his own mind before, and commanded as absolutely. But in all other places he grew more absolute and more imperious; he discountenanced and suppressed the presbyterians in all places; who had been supported by Fairfax. The independents had all credit about him; and the churches and pulpits were open to all kind of people who would shew their gifts there; and a

general distraction and confusion in religion covered the whole kingdom; which raised as general a discontent in the minds of the people, who, finding no ease from the burdens they had so long sustained, but an increase of the taxes and impositions every day, grew weary of their new government; and heartily prayed, that their general might never return from Scotland, but that, he being destroyed there, the king might return victorious into London. The bitterness and persecution against their brethren in England, and the old animosity they had long borne against the person of Cromwell, made those in authority in that kingdom resolve to defend themselves against his invasion, and to draw together a very numerous body of men well provided, and supplied with all things necessary but courage and conduct. They were so careful in the modelling this army, that they suffered neither officers, or soldiers, who had been in the engagement of duke Hamilton, or who gave the least occasion to be suspected to wish well to the king or to the Hamiltonian party, to be listed or received into their service. So that they had only some old discredited officers, who, being formerly thought unworthy of command, had stuck close to Argyle and to the party of the kirk. The truth is, the whole army was under the government of a committee of the kirk and the state; in which the ministers exercised the sole authority, and prayed and preached against the vices of the court, and the impiety and tyranny of Cromwell, equally; and promised their army victory over the enemy as positively, and in as confident terms, as if God himself had directed them to declare it. The king

desired that he might command this army, at least run the fortune of it. But they were hardly prevailed with to give him leave once to see it; and, after he had been in it three or four hours, upon the observation that the common soldiers seemed to be much pleased to see him, they caused him to return, and the next day carried him to a place at a greater distance from the army; declaring, "that "they found the soldiers too much inclined to put "their confidence in the arm of flesh; whereas "their hope and dependence was to be only in "God; and they were most assured of victory by "the prayers and piety of the kirk."

In [July] Cromwell entered Scotland, and marched without any opposition till he came within less than a day's journey of Edinburgh; where he found the Scottish army encamped upon a very advantageous ground; and he made his quarters as near as he could conveniently, and yet with disadvantages enough. For the country was so destroyed behind him, and the passes so guarded before, that he was compelled to send for all his provision for horse and foot from England by sea; (and Cromwell being seized upon by a fever, which held him about six weeks, during which time the army lay still,) insomuch as the army was reduced to great straits; and the Scots really believed, that they had them all at their mercy, except such as would embark on board their ships. But as soon as Cromwell had recovered a little strength, his army begun to remove, and seemed to provide for their march. Whether that march was to retire out of so barren a country for want of provisions, (which no doubt were very scarce; and the season of the year would

not permit them to depend upon all necessary supplies by sea, for it was now the month of September,) or whether that motion was only to draw the Scots from the advantageous post of which they were possessed, is not yet understood. But it was confessed on all sides, that, if the Scots had remained within their trenches, and sent parties of horse to have followed the English army closely, they must have so disordered them, that they would have left their cannon and all their heavy carriage behind them, besides the danger the foot must have been in. But the Scots did not intend to part with them so easily; they doubted not but to have the spoil of the whole army. And therefore they no sooner discerned that the English were upon their march, but they decamped, and followed with their whole body all the night following, and found themselves in the morning within a small distance of the enemy: for Cromwell was quickly advertised that the Scottish army was dislodged, and marched after him; and thereupon he made a stand, and put his men in good order. The Scots found they were not upon so clear a chase as they imagined, and placed themselves again upon such a side of a hill, as they believed the English would not have the courage to attack them there.

But Cromwell knew them too well to fear them upon any ground, when there were no trenches or fortifications to keep him from them; and therefore he made haste to charge them on all sides, upon what advantage-ground soever they stood. Their horse did not sustain one charge; but fled, and were pursued with a great execution. The foot depended much upon their ministers, who preached,

and prayed, and assured them of the victory, till the English were upon them; and some of their preachers were knocked in the head, whilst they were promising the victory. Though there was so little resistance made, that Cromwell lost very few men by that day's service, yet the execution was very terrible upon the enemy; the whole body of the foot being, upon the matter, cut in pieces; no quarter was given till they were weary of killing; so that there were between five and six thousand dead upon the place; and very few, but they who escaped by the heels of their horse, were without terrible wounds; of which very many died shortly after; especially such of their ministers who were not killed upon the place, as very many were, had very notable marks about the head, and the face, that any body might know that they were not hurt by chance, or in the crowd, but by very good will. All the cannon, ammunition, carriages, and baggage, were entirely taken, and Cromwell with his victorious army marched directly to Edinburgh; where he found plenty of all things which he wanted, and good accommodation for the refreshing his army, which stood in need of it.

Never victory was attended with less lamentations: for as Cromwell had great argument of triumph in the total defeat and destruction of the only army that was in Scotland; which defeat had put a great part of that kingdom, and the chief city of it, under his obedience; so the king, who was then at St. Johnston's, was glad of it, as the greatest happiness that could befall him, in the loss of so strong a body of his enemies; who, if they should have prevailed, his majesty did believe that

they would have shut him up in a prison the next day; which had been only a stricter confinement than he suffered already; for the lord Lorne, eldest son to the marquis of Argyle, being captain of his guard, had so strict a care of him both night and day, that his majesty could not go any whither without his leave. But, after this defeat, they all looked upon the king as one they might stand in need of: they permitted his servants, who had been sequestered from him from his arrival in the kingdom, to attend and wait upon him, and begun to talk of calling a parliament, and of a time for the king's coronation; which had not hitherto been spoken of. Some ministers begun to preach obedience to the king; the officers, who had been cashiered for their malignity, talked aloud of "the "miscarriages in the government, and that the "kingdom was betrayed to the enemy for want of "confidence in the king, who alone could preserve "the nation." They of the council seemed not to have so absolute a dependence upon the marquis of Argyle, but spoke more freely than they had used to do; and the marquis applied himself more to the king, and to those about him: so that the king did, in a good degree, enjoy the fruit of this victory, as well as Cromwell, though his majesty's advantage was discerned by a few men only, and those reduced into an obscure quarter of the kingdom; but the other made the éclat. The destruction of the only army, and the possessing of Edinburgh, was looked upon, in all places, as the entire conquest of the whole kingdom.

Don Alonzo made haste to send the news into Spain of "the total and irrecoverable defeat of the

"king; that he was driven into the Highlands; "from whence he would be compelled to fly, as "soon as he could get means to escape: that the "republic was now settled, and no more fear or "hope of the king:" the effect of all which the ambassadors quickly found at Madrid, by the carriage and countenance of that king and the council; though it cannot be denied that the common people appeared to have a much more generous sense of the alteration, than the others did. The ambassadors received shortly a full advertisement of the truth; and "that the king thought his condition "much improved by the defeat;" and they used all the means they could, by several audiences, to inform the king of Spain and don Lewis of the truth; and "that they were misinformed, as if the "army overthrown was the king's; whereas they "were indeed as much his enemies, as Cromwell's "was." But in this they could obtain no credit, and all ways were taken to make them perceive, that it was heartily wished they were gone; which they were resolved to take no notice of.

In the end, one morning, the secretary of state came to them from the king; and told them, "that they had been now above a year in that "court, where they had been well treated, not-"withstanding some miscarriages, which might "very justly have incensed his catholic majesty," (mentioning the death of Ascham;) "that they "were extraordinary ambassadors, and so needed "not any letters of revocation; that they had re-"ceived answers to all they had proposed, and "were at liberty to depart; which his catholic "majesty desired they would do, since their pre-

" sence in the court would be very prejudicial to " his affairs." This unexpected and unusual message, delivered ungracefully enough by an old man, who, notwithstanding his office, was looked upon with little reverence to his parts, made them believe " that he had mistaken his message, at least " that he had delivered it with less courtly cir- " cumstances than he ought to have done." And therefore they returned no other answer, than " that they would attend don Lewis de Haro, and " understand from him the king's pleasure." The next day, they sent for an audience to don Lewis; whom they found with a less open countenance than he used to have; nor did he appear any thing more courtly than the secretary had done; but told them, that there were orders sent to such a person (whom he named) to prepare their present; which should be ready within very few days; and pressed them very plainly, and without any regard to the season of the year, it being then towards the end of January, to use all possible expedition for their departure, as a thing that, even in that respect, did exceedingly concern the service of the king. This made the ambassadors imagine, which was likewise reported, that there was a formal ambassador upon his way from England, and that the court would be no more liable to the like accidents. But they knew afterwards, that the cause of all this haste was, that they might bring into the town as many pictures, and other choice and rich furniture, as did load eighteen mules; which, as was said before, don Alonzo had bought of the king's goods, and then sent to the Groyne, and which they did not then think could

be decently brought to the palace, whilst the ambassadors should continue and remain in the town.

This injunction to leave Madrid, in so unseasonable a time of the year, was very severe to the ambassadors, who knew not whither to go. The lord Cottington was at this time seventy-six years of age, once or twice in a year troubled with the gout, in other respects of great vigour of body and mind; nor did there appear in his natural parts any kind of decay. He had resolved, when he first proposed this embassy to the king, and, it may be, it was the chief reason of proposing it, that, if there should be no door open to let him return into England, by the time that his embassy should expire, he would remain and die in Spain. But he did then believe that he should have found another kind of entertainment there than he had done. He had, without doubt, deserved very well from that nation, having always performed those offices towards them, which made him looked upon at home as too well affected to that people, which, together with his constant opposition of the French, had rendered him very ungracious to the queen: yet there were some seasons, in which his credit and authority was not great enough to obtain all things for them which they desired, and expected; as when their fleet, under the command of Oquendo, about the year [1639], had been assaulted in the Downs, and defeated by the Dutch fleet, for want of that protection which they thought the king might have given to them. And it is probable their ambassadors, who were then in England, whereof don Alonzo was one, did not find that readiness and alacrity in him to appear in their

service, as they had formerly done; he very well knowing, that the being solicitous for them, in that conjuncture, might do himself harm, and could do them no good. But these omissions were now remembered, and all his services forgotten: so that (as hath been touched before) his reception, from the first hour of his coming last thither, was very cold both from the king and the court. And though he was now willing to resume his former resolution of staying there; yet the treatment he had received, and this last farewell, made him doubt, very reasonably, whether he should be permitted to stay there or not.

There was another circumstance, which was necessary to his residing in Spain, in which he met with some difficulties that he had not foreseen, and which did exceedingly perplex him; and which he plainly enough discerned, and knew to be the true cause of all the discountenance he had met with in that court, (though he was willing the other ambassador, who knew nothing of it, should believe that it proceeded from what had passed in England,) which was then remembered in the discourse of the court, and was the true cause of the general prejudice to him there. He had been formerly reconciled in that kingdom to the church of Rome, and had constantly gone to the mass there; and declaring himself afterwards in England to be of the religion of the church of England, he was apostatized from the other; which, in that country, is looked upon as such a brand, as the infamy of it can never be wiped out; and this indeed was the reason of that king's so notable aversion from him. The truth is, he had never

made any inquiry into religion to inform himself, but had conformed to that which the province he held obliged him to; and though he could never get the reputation in England of being well affected to that church, and was always looked upon as most inclined to the Roman, yet he convinced those who would have taken advantage of that guilt, by being present at prayers and sermons, and sometimes receiving the sacrament, as he did the very last Sunday he stayed in the Hague before he begun his journey towards Spain; and, even after his arrival there, was constant at the reading the common prayers both morning and evening, by their own chaplain, in their house, as long as the chaplain lived: and many, who knew him very well, did believe that if he had died in England, he would have died in the communion of that church. But there is no doubt, he did resolve, from the time that he meant to remain and die in Spain, that he would become a Roman catholic again, which he thought to be a much easier thing than it was; and that he might have been reconciled by any priest in as private a manner as he could desire. But when he consulted that affair with a Jesuit, who frequently came to the house, he found, that after an apostasy, it was not in the power of any priest to reconcile him, but that it was reserved to the pope himself; who rarely gives the faculty to any but to his own nuncios. This obliged him to resort thither; which he could not easily do without communicating it to the other ambassador; towards whom this was the only secret he reserved. And he found a way, as he thought, to elude him in this particular. He

told him, several days, that the nuncio had sent him such and such messages by that Jesuit concerning those gentlemen who were in prison, the substance whereof did not differ from what the Venetian ambassador had formerly delivered from him: at last, he told him, "that he found the "nuncio had somewhat to say in that affair which "he would not communicate by message, but "wished to speak with him in private; for pub-"licly he must not be known to have any con-"ference with him; and that hereupon he resolved "to go *incognito* in sir Benjamin Wright's coach "to him;" which he did, and was then reconciled; and returned home, making such a relation of their conference to his companion as he thought fit; and delivered the nuncio's salutation to him. But within two or three days he knew what the affair was: for, besides that the nuncio could not perform the office alone, but was to have the assistance of two or three so qualified, there was really care taken that the other ambassador might know it. And, before that time, when they both visited the president de la Hazienda, who carried them into his library, whilst the other ambassador was casting his eyes upon some books, (it being the best private library in Madrid,) the lord Cottington told the president, "that he was himself a catholic, "but that his companion was an obstinate heretic:" of which the president sent him information the next day. But since himself forbore ever to communicate this secret to him, out of an opinion, it is very probable, that he might give some disturbance to his resolution, he likewise took no manner

of notice of it to him to the minute of their departure from each other.

This difficulty being over, there remained yet another; which was, his having permission to stay in that country; for which he addressed himself to don Lewis: mentioned "his age; his infirmity of "the gout; which would infallibly seize upon him, "if, in that season of the year, he should provoke "it by an extraordinary motion; in a word, that it "was impossible for him to make the journey." Don Lewis told him, "he could answer him to "part of what he said without speaking to the "king; that he must not think of staying with the "character of an ambassador, nor of residing in "Madrid, in how private a condition soever: if he "desired any thing with these two restraints, he "would move the king in it." The other told "him, that he submitted to both these conditions; "and only desired license to reside in Valladolid, "where he had lived many years, when the court "remained there, in the time of king Philip the "Third."

This place was not disliked; and within few days don Lewis sent him word, "that the king "approved it; and that he should have a letter to "the chief magistrate there, to treat him with all "respect; and that his majesty would take care that "he should not undergo any distress, but would sup-"ply him as his necessities required." And, shortly after a message was sent to the ambassadors to let them know, that the king had appointed such a day for to give them an audience to take their leave. This new importunity was as extraor-

dinary as the former; which was not at all grievous to the lord Cottington: who having obtained all he desired, was willing to be in his new habitation, which he had sent to be made ready for him; but the other much desired that the winter might be a little more over, which continued yet very sharp; and was resolved not to obey the summons, till the weather mended; and likewise, out of indignation for their treatment, he very heartily resolved to refuse the present for the smallness of it, it being less than had been used to be given to any single ordinary ambassador. But the lord Cottington, with great importunity, prevailed with him to decline both these contests, lest it might prove prejudicial to him; and so they performed their ceremonies; and about the beginning of March, after they had been in that court near fifteen months, they both left Madrid in the same hour: the lord Cottington taking his course for Valladolid; where he had the same house provided, and made ready for him by the care of the English Jesuits there, in which he had dwelt at the time of his agency, when the court resided there; where he died within one year after, in the 77th year of his age.

He was a very wise man, by the great and long experience he had in business of all kinds; and by his natural temper, which was not liable to any transport of anger, or any other passion, but could bear contradiction, and even reproach, without being moved, or put out of his way: for he was very steady in pursuing what he proposed to himself, and had a courage not to be frighted or amazed with any opposition. It is true he was

illiterate as to the grammar of any language, or the principles of any science; but by his perfectly understanding the Spanish, (which he spoke as a Spaniard,) the French, and Italian languages, and having read very much in all, he could not be said to be ignorant in any part of learning, divinity only excepted. He had a very fine and extraordinary understanding in the nature of beasts and birds, and above all in all kind of plantations and arts of husbandry. He was born a gentleman both by father and mother, his father having a pretty entire seat near Bruton in Somersetshire, worth above two hundred pounds a year, which had descended from father to son for many hundred years, and is still in the possession of his elder brother's children, the family having been always Roman catholic. His mother was a Stafford, nearly allied to sir Edward Stafford; who was vice-chamberlain to queen Elizabeth, and had been ambassador in France; by whom this gentleman was brought up, and was gentleman of his horse, and left one of his executors of his will, and by him recommended to sir Robert Cecil, then principal secretary of state; who preferred him to sir Charles Conwallis, when he went ambassador into Spain, in the beginning of the reign of king James; where he remained, for the space of eleven or twelve years, in the condition of secretary or agent, without ever returning into England in all that time. He raised by his own virtue and industry a very fair estate, of which though the revenue did not exceed above four thousand pounds by the year; yet he had four very good houses, and three parks, the value whereof was not

reckoned into that computation. He lived very nobly, well served and attended in his house; had a better stable of horses, better provision for sports, (especially of hawks, in which he took great delight,) than most of his quality, and lived always with great splendour; for though he loved money very well, and did not warily enough consider the circumstances of getting it, he spent it well all ways but in giving, which he did not affect. He was of an excellent humour, and very easy to live with; and, under a grave countenance, covered the most of mirth, and caused more, than any man of the most pleasant disposition. He never used any body ill, but used many very well for whom he had no regard: his greatest fault was, that he could dissemble, and make men believe that he loved them very well, when he cared not for them. He had not very tender affections, nor bowels apt to yearn at all objects which deserved compassion: he was heartily weary of the world, and no man was more willing to die; which is an argument that he had peace of conscience. He left behind him a greater esteem of his parts, than love to his person.

The other ambassador was dismissed with much more courtesy: for when they heard that his family remained at Antwerp in Flanders, and that he intended to go thither, and stay there till he received other orders from the king his master, they gave him all despatches thither which might be of use to him in those parts. The king of Spain himself used many gracious expressions to him at his last audience, and sent afterwards to him a letter for the archduke Leopold; in which he expressed the good opinion he had of the ambassador;

and commanded, "that, whilst he should choose to "reside in those parts, under his command, he "should receive all respect, and enjoy all privi- "leges as an ambassador:" and don Lewis de Haro writ likewise to the archduke, and the count of Fuensaldagna, "to look upon him as his parti- "cular friend:" all which ceremonies, though they cost them nothing, were of real benefit and advantage to the ambassador: for besides the treatment he received from the archduke himself in Brussels, as ambassador, such directions, or recommendations, were sent to the magistrates at Antwerp, that he enjoyed the privilege of his chapel, and all the English, who were numerous then in that city, repaired thither with all freedom for their devotion, and the exercise of their religion: which liberty had never been before granted to any man there, and which the English, and Irish priests, and the Roman catholics of those nations, exceedingly murmured at, and used all the endeavours they could to have taken away, though in vain.

In his passage through France he waited upon the queen mother, who received him very graciously; and he found there, that the success which Cromwell had obtained in Scotland (though the king was still there, and in a better condition than before) had the same effect in the court of France as it had in the court of Spain; it gave over all thoughts of the king, as in a condition not only deplorable, but as absolutely desperate.

There had, a little before, fallen out an accident that troubled France very much, and no less pleased Spain; which was the death of the prince

of Orange; a young prince of great hope and expectation, and of a spirit that desired to be in action. He had found, that the peace between Spain and the Low Countries, which his father had been so solicitous to make, even at his expiration, was not like to preserve him in equal lustre to what the three former princes had enjoyed; and therefore he wished nothing more, than that an opportunity might be offered to enter upon the war. He complained loudly, that the court of Spain had not observed, nor performed, many of those conditions which it was obliged to do for the particular benefit of him and his family: whereby he continued involved in many debts, which were uneasy to him; and so, upon all occasions which fell out, he adhered to that party in the States which were known most to favour the interest of France; which good inclination the cardinal, and the other ministers of that crown, used all possible care and endeavour to cultivate; and Spain was so much affected with the apprehension of the consequence of that alteration, and with the conscience of their own having promoted it, by not having complied with their obligations, that they resolved to redeem their error, and to reconcile him again, if possible, to them. To this purpose, a very great present was prepared at Madrid to be sent to him, ten brave Spanish horses, the worst of which cost there three hundred pounds sterling, with many other rarities of great value, and likewise a present of plate, jewels, and perfumed leather, to the princess royal his wife; and a full assurance, "that "they would forthwith begin to perform all the

" articles which were to be done by them, and " finish all within a short time."

The express, who was appointed to accompany the present, and to perform the other functions, was to begin his journey within two days, when the news arrived, by an express from Brussels, who came in as short a time as could be imagined, that the prince of Orange was dead of the small-pox, and had left the princess with child, and very near her time; who was brought to bed of a son within few days after his decease. The court at Madrid could not conceal its joy, nor dissemble their opinion, that the enemy whose influence they most apprehended was fortunately taken out of the way. On the other hand, France owned a great sorrow and grief for the loss of a man whom they believed to be more than ordinarily affected to them; and who, by a conjunction with their friends in Holland, might, in a short time, be much superior to that party in the States which adhered to the Spanish interest.

But nobody received so insupportable prejudice and damage, by this fatal blow, as the king of Great Britain did; towards whom that brave prince gave all the testimony and manifestation of the most entire, fast, and unshaken affection and friendship, that hath ever been performed towards any person under any signal misfortune. Besides the assisting him, upon several emergent occasions, with greater sums of money than were easy to his incumbered fortune, his reputation, and his declared resolution, " that he would venture all he had in " that quarrel," disposed many to be more con-

cerned for his majesty. Though he could not prevail over that faction in Holland, which were known to favour Cromwell, (and the more out of their aversion to him, and to his power and greatness,) to induce them to serve the king, yet he kept the States General from consenting to that infamous alliance and conjunction, which, shortly after his death, they entered into with the new republic; and which they would never have yielded to, if he had lived. And, no doubt, the respect both France and Spain had for him, and his interposition, had prevailed with both to be less impudent than they afterwards appeared to be, in a total declining all consideration of the king, and rejecting all thoughts of his restoration. It contributed very much to the negligent farewell the ambassadors had received in Spain; for the news of the prince's death had arrived there some months before their departure: and it did not only extinguish all imaginations in France of any possible hope for our king, but very much lessened the respect and civility which that court had always shewed to the queen herself, as a daughter of France; towards whom they expressed not that regard they had formerly done.

But there was another accident, which, at this time, gave the queen more trouble than this; and of which her majesty made great complaint to the chancellor of the exchequer at his return from Spain. Upon the interview which had been between the king and the queen at Beauvais, when the king went for Holland, upon the foresight, if not the resolution, that it would be fit for him to adventure his own person into Scotland, he had left his brother the duke of York with the queen,

with direction, "that he should conform himself "entirely to the will and pleasure of the queen his "mother, matters of religion only excepted." And there was the less doubt of his conformity to her commands, because, besides his piety and duty, which was very entire towards her, he was to depend wholly upon her bounty for his support; the court of France not taking any notice of the change, nor paying her own narrow assignation with any punctuality; so that she was not able, besides the reservedness in her nature, so to supply him as to make his condition pleasant to him; but exercised the same austere carriage towards him, which she had done to the prince his brother, and as unsuccessfully. The duke was very young, with a numerous family of his own, not well enough inclined to be contented, and consisting of persons who loved not one another, nor their master well enough to consider him before themselves: which wrought that effect upon him, that none of them had that credit with him, that, at such an age, some good men ought to have had: which proceeded from want of reasonable providence and circumspection. For when he made his escape out of England, as is mentioned before, he had only one person attending him, (who had, before, no relation or pretence to his service,) whose merit might have been otherwise requited, than by giving him a title and dependence upon him; and he quickly appeared to be so unworthy of it, that he was removed from it. Then was the time that such persons should have been placed about him, as might have both discovered such infirmities, as his nature might incline him to, and have infused those principles of piety

and honour, as he was most capable of, and disposed to; and which had been as proper for his present misfortune, as for his highest dignity. But that province was wholly committed to the queen his mother by the late king, who was then in prison; and her majesty being then at Paris, when the duke landed in Holland, she could not deliberate so long upon it as such a subject required; and so was persuaded by others to consider them more than her son; and made haste to put such a family about him, with reference to the number, and to the offices which they were designed to serve in, as was above the greatness to which the younger son of the crown of England could pretend, by the usage and custom of that kingdom, when it was in the greatest splendour; and all this, when there was not in view the least revenue to support it, but that the whole charge and burden of it must inevitably fall upon her; of which her majesty was quickly sensible, and paid the penalty at least in the peace and quiet of her mind.

The duke was full of spirit and courage, and naturally loved designs, and desired to engage himself in some action that might improve and advance the low condition of the king his brother; towards whom he had an inviolable affection and fidelity, superior to any temptation. He was not pleased with the treatment he received in France, nor had confidence enough in any of his servants, to be advised by them towards the contriving any expedient that he might reasonably dispose himself to, or to be dissuaded from any enterprise which his own passion might suggest to him; though too many had too much credit with him in contributing

to his discontents, and in representing the uncomfortableness of his own condition to him; "the "little regard the queen appeared to have of him, "the lustre that some of her servants lived in, and "those who depended upon them, whilst his royal "highness wanted all that was necessary, and his "servants were exposed to the most scandalous "necessities and contempt;" and so endeavoured to abate that reverence in him to the queen his mother, to which he was very dutifully inclined.

There were at that time two persons, who, though without any relation to the court, very much frequented the duke's lodgings, and had frequent discourses with him, sir Edward Herbert, the late king's attorney general, (of whom much is said before,) and sir George Ratcliff, who had been designed by that king to attend upon the duke of York into Ireland, when he once thought of sending him thither. But that design being quickly laid aside, there was no more thought of using his service there. The duke looked upon them both as wise men, and fit to give him advice; and finding that they both applied themselves to him with diligence and address, he communicated his thoughts more freely to them than to any others. And they took pains to persuade him to dislike the condition he was in, and that he might spend his time more to his advantage in some other place than in France. They spoke often to him of the duke of Lorrain, "as a pattern and example for all unfortunate "princes to follow: that he being, by the power "and injustice of the king of France, driven out "of his principality and dominions, had, by his "own virtue and activity, put himself in the head

" of an army; by which he made himself so con-
" siderable, that he was courted by both the crowns
" of France and Spain, and might make his con-
" ditions with either according to his own election;
" and in the mean time lived with great reputation,
" and in great plenty, esteemed by all the world
" for his courage and conduct." With these, and the like discourses, the duke was much pleased and amused, and wished in himself that he could be put into such a condition, when in truth there could not a more improper example have been proposed to him, whose condition was more unlike his, or whose fortune and manners he was less to wish to follow, or less able to imitate. For the duke of Lorrain had, for many years before his misfortunes, had a great name in war, and was looked upon as one of the greatest captains of Christendom; and had drawn the arms and power of France upon him, by his inconstancy, and adhering to Spain, contrary to his treaty and obligation with the other crown; and when he was driven out of his own country, and not able to defend it, he was in the head of a very good army, and possessed of great wealth, which he carried with him, and could not but be very welcome, as he well knew, into Flanders, both as his misfortune proceeded from his affection to their king, and as his forces were necessary for their defence. And so he made such conditions with them, as were most beneficial to himself, and yet, in the consequence, so unsuccessful, as might well terrify all other princes from treading in the same footsteps.

With the report of the defeat of that army by Cromwell in Scotland, (which was the first good

fortune to the king,) or shortly after, some letters from England brought intelligence, without any ground, that the king was dangerously sick; and shortly after, that he was dead; which was believed in England, and from thence transmitted into France. This gave a new alarm to those two gentlemen mentioned before, who received this information from such friends in England, that they did really believe it to be true; and thereupon concluded, that both the place and the company would not be fit for the new king to be found in; and therefore that it would be necessary for him to remove from thence, before the report should be confirmed and believed.

Whether they imparted this nice consideration to the duke or not, his highness, without any preface of the motives, told the queen, "he was re-"solved to make a journey to Brussels;" who, being exceedingly surprised, asked him the reason; and "how he could be able to make such a jour-"ney?" which she in truth believed impossible for him, since she knew he had no money. His answer in short was, "that he would visit the "duke of Lorrain, who had been always a friend "to his father, and continued his affection to the "king his brother; and he had some reason to "believe, that duke would enable him to appear in "action, that might be for his majesty's service; "and that he was resolved to begin his journey "the next day;" from which neither the queen's advice nor authority could divert him. Her majesty quickly discerned, that neither the lord Byron, nor sir John Berkeley, nor Mr. Bennet, his secretary, knew any thing of it; and therefore easily

concluded who the counsellors were; who were both very ungracious to her, and she had long done all she could to lessen the duke's esteem of them. They well foresaw that the want of money would be of that force, that, without any other difficulty, the journey would be rendered impossible. They had therefore, upon their own credit, or out of their own store, procured as much as would defray the journey to Brussels; which, by the duke's directions, was put into the hands of sir George Ratcliff, and to be managed by his providence and discretion. And then he publicly declared his resolution to begin his journey the next day for Brussels, leaving his servants to make what shift they could to attend, or follow him.

Since there was no remedy, the queen thought it necessary that his chief servants should wait on him, that she might receive an advertisement what progress he made, and what his design could be: so the lord Byron and Mr. Bennet made themselves ready for the journey; sir John Berkeley choosing to stay behind, that he might not appear inferior where he had exercised the supreme charge. And so, with the other two counsellors, and many of the inferior servants, the duke, according to his resolution, left the queen; and, when he came to Brussels, he lodged at the house of sir Henry de Vic, the king's resident, without being taken notice of by any of that court. There the two counsellors begun to form his family, and to confer offices upon those who were most acceptable to them; presuming that they should shortly receive news from England, which would confirm all that they had done under other titles. In the mean time

the government of the house, and ordering the expense, was committed wholly to sir George Ratcliff, whilst the other contented himself with presiding in the councils, and directing all the politic designs. The duke of Lorrain had visited the duke upon his first arrival, and, being informed of the straits his royal highness was in, presented him with one thousand pistoles. But now the secret ground of all their counsels was found to be without any reality: the king was not only alive, and in good health, but known to be in the head of an army that looked Cromwell in the face; which destroyed all the machine they had raised: yet, being too far embarked to retire with any grace, and being encouraged by the civility the duke of Lorrain had shewed towards the duke, they had the presumption to propose that there might be a marriage between the duke of York and the daughter of the duke of Lorrain by the countess of Canteeroy; whom he had publicly married, but which marriage was declared at Rome to be void, by reason that his former wife was still alive.

When the duke of Lorrain saw how the affairs of this young prince were conducted, and that the lord Byron and Mr. Bennet, who were men well bred, and able to have discoursed any business to him, one whereof was his governor and the other his secretary, who by their offices ought to be more trusted in an affair of that moment, were not at all acquainted with it, and that the other two persons, who were men of a very unusual mien, appeared in it, and that only sir George Ratcliff undertook to speak to him about it, who could only make himself understood in Latin, which the

duke cared not to speak in, he declined entertaining the motion, till he might know that it was made with the king's approbation; which the other did not pretend it to be, but, "that he did not doubt "it would be afterwards approved by his majesty." Thus they were at the end of their projects: and there being no means to stay longer at Brussels, they persuaded the duke to visit his sister at the Hague, and there to consider and advise what was next to be done.

Of all these particulars the queen complained to the chancellor of the exchequer, with great bitterness against the folly and presumption of those two gentlemen, whose fidelity to the king she did not suspect; nor could she imagine the motive that had engaged them in such a bold undertaking; but she required him, "that, as soon as he should "come into Flanders, he would make a journey "to the Hague, and prevail with the duke" (to whom she writ to the same purpose) "to return "again to Paris;" which the chancellor promised to endeavour heartily to do, being exceedingly troubled at the general discourse, which that sally had administered, as if there were a schism in the royal family in a season when so much unity was requisite.

There was another instance of the king's extreme low condition, and of the highest disrespect the court of France could express towards him, and of which all the protestant party of the queen's family complained very vehemently. From the time of the queen's being in France, the late king had appointed a chaplain of his own, Dr. Cosins, who was afterwards bishop of Durham, to attend upon

her majesty for the constant service of that part of her household, the number of her protestant servants being much superior to those who were Roman catholics. And the queen had always punctually complied with the king's directions, and used the chaplain very graciously, and assigned him a competent support with the rest of her servants. An under room in the Louvre, out of any common passage, had been assigned for their morning and evening devotions; the key whereof was committed to the chaplain; who caused the room to be decently furnished, and kept; being made use of to no other purpose. Here, when the prince first came thither, and afterwards, whilst he stayed, he performed his devotions all the week, but went Sundays still to the resident's house to hear sermons. At this time an order was sent from the queen regent, "that that room should be no "more applied to that purpose, and that the "French king would not permit the exercise of "any other religion in any of his houses than the "Roman catholic:" and the queen gave notice to the chaplain, "that she was no longer able to con-"tinue the payment of the exhibition she had for-"merly assigned to him." The protestants, whereof many were of the best quality, lamented this alteration to the chancellor of the exchequer; and desired him to intercede with the queen, which he had the more title to do, because, at his going into Spain, she had vouchsafed to promise him, (upon some rumours, of which he took notice,) "that the "same privilege which had been, should still be "continued, and enjoyed by the protestants of her "household; and that she would provide for the

" chaplain's subsistence." He presumed therefore to speak with her majesty upon it; and besought her to consider, " what ill impression this new " order would make upon the protestants of all " the king's dominions; upon whom he was chiefly " to depend for his restoration; and how much " prejudice it might be to herself, to be looked " upon as a greater enemy to protestants, than she " had been taken notice of to be; and likewise, " whether this order, which had been given since " the departure of the duke of York, might not be " made use of as an excuse for his not returning, " or indeed for his remove, since the precise time " when it issued would not be generally under- " stood." The queen heard him very graciously, and acknowledged, " that what he said had reason " in it; but protested that she knew not what " remedy to apply to it; that she had been herself " surprised with that order, and was troubled at it; " but that the queen regent was positive in it, and " blamed her for want of zeal in her religion; and " that she cared not to advance it, or to convert " any of her children." She wished him " to con- " fer with Mr. Montague upon it;" and implied, " that his bigotry in his new religion had contri- " buted much to the procuring that order." He had newly taken orders, and was become priest in that church, and had great power with the queen regent, as well for his animosity against that religion he had professed, as for his vehement zeal for the church of which he now was. Upon this occasion, her majesty expressed a great sense of the loss she had sustained by the death of her old confessor, father Phillips; who, she said, " was a

" prudent and discreet man; and would never " suffer her to be pressed to any passionate under- " takings, under pretence of doing good for ca- " tholics; and always told her, that, as she ought " to continue firm and constant to her own reli- " gion, so she was to live well towards the protest- " ants, who deserved well from her, and to whom " she was beholding." She said, " it would not " be possible to have the same or any other room " set aside, or allowed to be used as a chapel; but " that she would take such course, that the family " might meet for the exercise of their devotion in " some private room that belonged to their lodg- " ings: and that though her own exhibition was " so ill paid, that she was indebted to all her " servants, yet she would give order that Dr. " Cosins (against whom she had some personal " exceptions) should receive his salary, in propor- " tion with the rest of her servants." She bid him " assure the duke of York, that he should " have a free exercise of his religion, as he had " before, though it must not be in the same " place."

The chancellor conferred with Mr. Montague upon the subject; and offered the same reasons which he had done to the queen; which he looked upon as of no moment; but said, " that the king " of France was master in his own house, and he " was resolved, though the king of England him- " self should come thither again, never to permit " any solemn exercise of the protestant religion in " any house of his." The consideration of what the protestants in England might think on this occasion was of least moment to him; and it was

indeed the common discourse there, "that the protestants of the church of England could never "do the king service, but that all his hopes must "be in the Roman catholics, and the presbyterians; "and that he ought to give all satisfaction to both "those parties."

When the chancellor of the exchequer came to Antwerp, with a purpose to make a journey speedily to the Hague, he was informed, "that the States "were much offended that the duke of York "remained there; and therefore that the princess "royal" (who now more depended upon their favour than ever; her own jointure, as well as the fortune of her son, being to be resolved in their judicatory) "could no longer entertain him, but "that he would be the next day at Breda." Thither the chancellor immediately went; and found the duke there with a family in all the confusion imaginable, in present want of every thing, and not knowing what was to be done next. They all censured and reproached the counsel by which they had been guided, and the counsellors as bitterly inveighed against each other, for undertaking many things which had no foundation in truth. They who concurred in nothing else were equally severe against the attorney, as a madman, and of that intolerable pride, that it was not possible for any man to converse with him. He as frankly reproached them all with being men of no parts, of no understanding, nor learning, no principles, and no resolution, and was so just to them all, as to contemn every man of them alike. In truth he had rendered himself so grievous to them all, that there was no man who desired to be in his com-

pany; yet, by the knack of his talk, which was the most like reason without being it, he retained still too much credit with the duke; who, being amused and confounded with his positive discourse, thought him to be wiser than those who were more easily understood; and was himself so young, that he was rather delighted with the journeys he had made, than sensible that he had not entered upon them with reason enough; and was fortified with a firm resolution never to acknowledge that he had committed any error. However, he was very glad to receive the queen's letter, which the chancellor delivered to him; heard his advice very willingly, and resolved to begin his journey to Paris without any delay; and looked upon the occasion, as a very seasonable redemption. The next day he went to Antwerp; and from thence, with the same retinue he had carried with him, made haste to Paris, and was received by the queen his mother without those expostulations and reprehensions which he might reasonably have expected; though her severity was the same towards all those, who, she thought, had had the credit and power to seduce him; and they were not solicitous, by any apologies or confession, to recover her favour: for the true reason that had swayed them being not to be avowed, any other that they could devise and suggest would have rendered them more inexcusable.

During this time, the king underwent all kind of mortifications in Scotland. But after the defeat of the Scottish army in September, with which the king and Cromwell were equally delighted, as hath been said before, the marquis of Argyle's empire

seemed not to be so absolute. A new army was appointed to be raised; the king himself interposed more than he had done; and the noblemen and officers came to him with more confidence: and his majesty took upon him to complain and expostulate, when those things were done which he did not like: yet the power was still in Argyle's hands; who, under all the professions of humility, exercised still the same tyranny; insomuch as the king grew weary of his own patience, and resolved to make some attempt in his own vindication. Dr. Frazier, who had been the king's physician many years before, and had constantly attended upon his person, and very much contributed to the king's journey into Scotland, was, shortly after his coming thither, disliked by Argyle; who knew that he was a creature of the Hamiltonians, and found him to be of an unquiet and overactive spirit; and thereupon sequestered him from his attendance. There were many officers who had served in duke Hamilton's engagement, as Middleton, and others, who had very entire affections for the king; and many of them had corresponded with Mountrose, and resolved to have joined with him; and finding themselves excluded, as all of them were, from any employment by the power of Argyle, had retired into the Highlands, and remained there concealed in expectation of some good season, in which they might avowedly appear. With some of these Dr. Frazier had held correspondence whilst he was in the court, and had often spoken to the king of their affection, and readiness to serve him, and of their power to do it, and had returned his majesty's gracious accepta-

tion of their service, and his resolution to employ them. And now, not being himself suffered to come to the court, he found means to meet and confer with many of them; and held intelligence with the lord Lautherdale, who had always great confidence in him; and the officers undertaking to do more than they could, or the doctor understanding them to undertake more than they did, (for his fidelity was never suspected,) he gave the king such an account of their numbers, as well as resolutions, that his majesty appointed a day for their rendezvous, and promised to be present with them, and then to publish a declaration (which was likewise prepared) of the ill treatment he had endured, and against the person of Argyle; to whom the duke of Buckingham, notwithstanding all his former professions, gave himself wholly up, and imparted to him all this correspondence, having found some of the letters which had passed, by the king's having left his cabinet open; for he was not at all trusted in it.

But Argyle did not think the time so near; so that the king did prosecute this purpose so far, that he rode one day, with a dozen or twenty horse, into the Highlands, and lodged there one night; neither the marquis of Argyle, nor any body else, knowing what was become of him; which put them all into great distraction. It was indeed a very empty and unprepared design, contrived and conducted by Dr. Frazier, without any foundation to build upon; and might well have ruined the king. It was afterwards called the Start; yet it proved, contrary to the expectation of wise men, very much to his majesty's advan-

tage. For though he was compelled the next day to return, with a circumstance that seemed to have somewhat of force in it, (for as the company he looked for failed to appear, so there was a troop of horse, which he looked not for, sent by Argyle, who used very effectual instance with him to return,) yet notwithstanding, this declaration of his majesty's resentment, together with the observation of what the people generally spoke upon it, "that the king was not treated as he ought to "be," made the marquis of Argyle change his counsels, and to be more solicitous to satisfy the king. A summons was sent out, in the king's name, to call a parliament; and great preparations were really made for the coronation; and the season of the year, (for whilst Cromwell was securing himself in Edinburgh, and making provisions for his army, the winter came on,) and the strong passes, which were easy then to be guarded, hindered the enemy's advance: so that the king resided, sometimes at Stirling, and sometimes at St. Johnston's, with commodity enough. The parliament met at Stirling, and shortly after brought all the lords of the other party thither, who appeared to have credit enough to wipe off those stains with which the engagement had defaced them, yet with submission to stand publicly in the stool of repentance, acknowledging their former transgressions; as they all did.

Duke Hamilton and Lautherdale were welcome to the king, and nearest his confidence; which neither the duke of Buckingham, who had cast off their friendship as unuseful, nor the marquis of Argyle, were pleased with. The king himself grew

very popular, and, by his frequent conferences with the knights and burgesses, got any thing passed in the parliament which he desired. He caused many infamous acts to be repealed, and provided for the raising an army, whereof himself was general; and no exceptions were taken to those officers who had formerly served the king his father.

The coronation was passed with great solemnity and magnificence, all men making show of joy, and of being united to serve his majesty: yet the marquis of Argyle preserved his greatness and interest so well, and was still so considerable, that it was thought very expedient to raise an imagination in him, that the king had a purpose to marry one of his daughters; which was carried so far, that the king could no otherwise defend himself from it, than by sending an express into France for the queen his mother's consent, (which seemed not to be doubted of,) and to that purpose captain Titus, a person grateful to Argyle, and to all the presbyterian party, was sent; who, finding the queen less warm upon the proposition than was expected, made less haste back; so that the fate of Scotland was first determined.

The king's army was as well modelled, and in as good a condition as it was like to be whilst he stayed in Scotland. By that time that Cromwell was ready to take the field, his majesty was persuaded to make David Lesley his lieutenant general of the army; who had very long experience, and a very good name in war; and Middleton commanded the horse. The artillery was in very good order under the command of Wemmes, who had

not the worse reputation there for having been ungrateful to the king's father. He was a confessed good officer; and there were, or could be, very few officers of any superior command, but such who had drawn their swords against his late majesty; all those who had served under the marquis of Mountrose having been put to death. Many of the greatest noblemen had raised regiments, or troops; and all the young gentlemen of the kingdom appeared very hearty and cheerful in commands, or volunteers: and, in all appearance, they seemed a body equal in any respect, and superior in number, to the enemy; which advanced all they could, and made it manifest that they desired nothing more than to come to battle; which was not thought counsellable for the king's army to engage in, except upon very notable advantages; which they had reason every day to expect; for there was a very broad and a deep river between them; and if they kept the passes, of which they were possessed, and could hardly choose but keep, Cromwell must in a very few days want provisions; and so be forced to retire, whilst the king had plenty of all things which he stood in need of, and could, by the advantage of the passes, be in his rear as soon as he thought fit.

In this posture both armies stood in view of each other near the two months of June and July, with some small attempts upon each other, with equal success. About the end of July, by the cowardice or treachery of major general [Brown], who had a body of four thousand men to keep it, Cromwell gained the pass, by which he got behind the king; and though he could not compel his majesty to

fight, for there was still the great river between them, he was possessed, or might quickly be, of the most fruitful part of the country; and so would not only have sufficient provision for his own army, but in a short time would be able to cut off much of that which should supply the king's. This was a great surprise to the king, and put him into new counsels; and he did, with the unanimous advice of almost all the principal officers, and all those who were admitted to the council, take a resolution worthy of his courage; which, how unfortunate soever it proved, was evidence enough that the same misfortune would have fallen out if he had not taken it.

The king was now, by Cromwell's putting himself behind him, much nearer to England than he: nor was it possible for him to overtake his majesty, in regard of the ways he was unavoidably to pass, till after the king had been many days' march before him: his majesty's fate depended upon the success of one battle: for a possible escape into the Highlands, after a defeat, there was no kingly prospect: all the northern parts of England had given him cause to believe that they were very well affected to his service, and if he could reach those countries, he might presume to increase the number of his army, which was numerous enough, with an addition of such men as would make it much more considerable. Hereupon, with the concurrence aforesaid, it was resolved that the army should immediately march, with as much expedition as was possible, into England, by the nearest ways, which led into Lancashire, whither the king sent expresses to give those, of whom he expected much,

(by reason some of them had been in Scotland with him, with promise of large undertakings,) notice of his purpose, that they might get their soldiers together to receive him. His majesty sent likewise an express to the Isle of Man, where the earl of Derby had securely reposed himself from the end of the former war, "that he should meet his majesty in "Lancashire." The marquis of Argyle was the only man who dissuaded his majesty's march into England, with reasons which were not frivolous; but the contrary prevailed; and he stayed behind; and, when the king begun his march, retired to his house in the Highlands. Some were of opinion, that he should then have been made prisoner, and left so secured, that he might not be able to do mischief when the king was gone, which most men believed he would be inclined to. But his majesty would not consent to it, because he was confident "he would not attempt any thing while the "army was entire: if it prevailed, he neither "would nor could do any harm; and if it were "defeated, it would be no great matter what he "did."

Though Cromwell was not frequently without good intelligence what was done in the king's army and councils, yet this last resolution was consulted with so great secrecy, and executed with that wonderful expedition, that the king had marched a whole day without the people's comprehending what the meaning was, and before he received the least advertisement of it. It was not a small surprise to him, nor was it easy for him to resolve what to do. If he should follow with his whole army, all the advantages he had got in Scotland

would be presently lost, and the whole kingdom be again united in any new mischief. If he followed but with part, he might be too weak when he overtook the king; whose army, he knew, would bear the fatigue of a long march better than his could do. There were two considerations which troubled him exceedingly; the one, the terrible consternation he foresaw the parliament would be in, when they heard that the king with his army was nearer to them, than their own army was for their defence; and he knew that he had enemies enough to improve their fear, and to lessen his conduct: the other was, the apprehension, that, if the king had time given to rest in any place, he would infinitely increase and strengthen his army by the resort of the people, as well as the gentry and nobility, from all parts. And though he did so much undervalue the Scottish army, that he would have been glad to have found himself engaged with it, upon any inequality of numbers, and disadvantage of ground, yet he did believe, that, by a good mixture with English, they might be made very considerable. He took a very quick resolution to provide for all the best he could: he despatched an express to the parliament, to prevent their being surprised with the news before they received it from him; and to assure them, "that he would himself overtake the "enemy before they should give them any trou-"ble;" and gave such farther orders for drawing the auxiliary troops together in the several counties, as he thought fit.

He gave Lambert order, "immediately to follow "the king with seven or eight hundred horse, and "to draw as many others, as he could, from the

" country militia; and to disturb his majesty's " march the most he could, by being near, and " obliging him to march close; not engaging his " own party in any sharp actions, without a very " notorious advantage; but to keep himself entire " till he should come up to him." With this order Lambert marched away the same day the advertisement came.

Cromwell resolved then to leave major general Monk, upon whom he looked with most confidence, as an excellent officer of foot, and as entirely devoted to him, with a strong party of foot, and some troops of horse, strong enough to suppress any forces which should rise after his departure, " to " keep Edinburgh, and the harbour of Leith; to " surprise and apprehend as many of the nobility, " and considerable gentry, as he should find, and " keep them under custody; to use the highest " severity against all who opposed him; and, above " all, not to endure or permit the license of the " preachers in their pulpits; and to make himself " as formidable as was possible: in the last place, " that, as soon as there appeared no visible force " in the field, he should besiege Stirling;" whither most persons of condition were retired with their goods of value, as to a place of strength, and capable of being defended; where the records of the kingdom, and many other things of most account were deposited; it being the place where the king had, for the most part, resided. He charged him, " if at St. Johnston's, or any other place, he found " a stubborn resistance, and were forced to spend " much time, or to take it by storm, that he should " give no quarter, nor exempt it from a general

"plunder;" all which rules Monk observed with the utmost rigour, and made himself as terrible as man could be.

When Cromwell had despatched all these orders and directions, with marvellous expedition, and seen most of them advanced in some degree of expedition, he begun his own march with the remainder of his army, three days after the king was gone, with a wonderful cheerfulness, and assurance to the officers and soldiers, that he should obtain a full victory in England over those who fled from him out of Scotland.

The king had, from the time that he had recovered any authority in Scotland, granted a commission to the duke of Buckingham, to raise a regiment of horse which Massey was to command under him, and to raise another regiment of foot. And the English which should resort thither, of which they expected great numbers, were to list themselves in those regiments. And there were some who had listed themselves accordingly; but the discipline the Scots had used to the king, and their adhering to their old principles, even after they seemed united for his majesty, had kept the king's friends in England from repairing to them in Scotland. They who came from Holland with the king had disposed themselves as is said before, and there was little doubt but that, as soon as the king should enter England, those two regiments would be immediately full. The duke of Buckingham had lost much ground (and the more because the king was not pleased with it) by his having broken off all manner of friendship with duke Hamilton, and the earl of Lautherdale, (to whom

he had professed so much,) and had entered into so fast a conjunction with the marquis of Argyle, their declared irreconcilable enemy, and adhered so firmly to him, when he was less dutiful to the king than he ought to have been. Massey had got a great name by his defending Gloucester against the late king, and was looked upon as a martyr for the presbyterian interest, and so very dear to that party; and therefore, as soon as they came within the borders of England, he was sent with some troops before, and was always to march at least a day before the army, to the end that he might give notice of the king's coming, and draw the gentry of the counties through which he passed, to be ready to attend upon his majesty. Besides, he had particular acquaintance with most of the presbyterians of Lancashire; whom nobody imagined to be of the Scottish temper, or unwilling to unite and join with the royal party; nor indeed were they.

But it was fatal at that time to all Scottish armies, to have always in them a committee of ministers, who ruined all; and though there had been now all the care taken that could be, to choose such men for that service as had the reputation of being the most sober and moderate of that whole body, and who had shewed more affection, and advanced the king's service more than the rest; yet this moderate people no sooner heard that Massey was sent before to call upon their friends, and observed that, from the entrance into England, those about the king seemed to have less regard for the covenant than formerly, but they sent an express to him, without communicating it in the

least degree with the king, with letters, and a declaration, wherein they required him "to pub-"lish that declaration, which signified the king's "and the whole army's zeal for the covenant, and "their resolution to prosecute the true intent of "it;" and forbid him "to receive or entertain any "soldiers in his troops, but those who would sub-"scribe that obligation." The king had shortly notice of this, and lost no time in sending to Massey "not to publish any such declaration, and "to behave himself with equal civility towards all "men who were forward to serve his majesty." But before this inhibition was received, the matter had taken air in all places, and was spread over the kingdom; all men fled from their houses, or concealed themselves, who wished the king very well; and besides, his motion was so quick, that none of them could repair to him.

In Lancashire the earl of Derby met him; who, as soon as he received his summons, left the Isle of Man. When the king's army came about Warrington in Cheshire, they found, that there was a body of the enemy drawn up in a fair field, which did not appear considerable enough to stop their march. This was Lambert; who had made so much haste, that he had that day fallen upon some of their troops, and beaten them into the army; but when the army came up, Lambert, according to his order and purpose, retired, and, being pursued by the king's horse with a greater party, made more disorderly haste than a well ordered retreat requires, but with no considerable loss. This success made a great noise, as if Lambert had been defeated.

At Warrington it was thought counsellable, very unfortunately, that the earl of Derby, with the lord Withrington, and several other officers of good name, should return into Lancashire, in order to raise the well affected in those two counties of Lancashire and Cheshire; who could not come in upon so quick a march, as the king had made: and yet it being out of the road that Cromwell was to follow, who was entered into Yorkshire, the remaining of those persons there was thought a good expedient to gather a body of English, which the king extremely desired: and if they found any great difficulties, they were to follow the army. In order to which, the earl had a body of near two hundred horse, consisting, for the most part, of officers and gentlemen; which deprived the army of a strength they wanted; and was afterwards acknowledged to be a counsel too suddenly entered upon.

Upon appearance of that body of Lambert's, the whole army was drawn up, and appeared very cheerful. The king having observed David Lesley, throughout the whole march, sad and melancholy, and, at that time when the enemy retired, and plainly in a quicker pace than a good retreat used to be made, slow in giving orders, and riding by himself, his majesty rode up to him, and asked him, with great alacrity, "how he could be sad, when "he was in the head of so brave an army?" (which he said looked well that day,) and demanded of him, "How he liked them?" To which David Lesley answered him in his ear, being at some distance from any other, "that he was melancholy "indeed, for he well knew that army, how well

" soever it looked, would not fight:" which the king imputed to the chagrin of his humour, and gave it no credit, nor told it to any man, till, some years after, upon another occasion which will be remembered in its place, he told the chancellor of the exchequer of it.

It was not thought fit to pursue Lambert; who, being known to be a man of courage and conduct, and his troops to be of the best, was suspected, by so disorderly a retreat, to have only designed to have drawn the army another way, to disorder and disturb their march; which they resolved to continue with the same expedition they had hitherto used, which was incredible; until they should come to such a post as they might securely rest themselves. And there was an imagination, that they might have continued it even to London; which would have produced wonderful effects. But they quickly found that to be impossible, and that both horse and foot grew so weary, that they must have rest: the weather was exceedingly hot; the march having been begun near the beginning of August, which is the warmest season of the year; so that if they had not some rest before an enemy approached them, how willing soever they might be, they could not be able to fight.

There was a small garrison in Shrewsbury commanded by a gentleman, who, it was thought, might be prevailed with to give it up to the king; but his majesty sending to him, he returned a rude denial: so that his majesty's eye was upon Worcester; that was so little out of his way to London, that the going thither would not much retard the march, if they found the army able to

continue it. Worcester had always been a place very well affected in itself, and most of the gentlemen of that county had been engaged for the king in the former war, and the city was the last that had surrendered to the parliament, of all those which had been garrisoned for his majesty; when all the works were thrown down, and no garrison from that time had been kept there; the sheriff, and justices, and committees, having had power enough to defend it against any malignity of the town, or county; and at this time all the principal gentry of that county had been seized upon, and were now prisoners there. Thither the king marched with his army even as soon as they had heard that he was in England: whereupon the committee, and all those who were employed by the parliament, fled in all the confusion imaginable, leaving their prisoners behind them, lest they themselves should become prisoners to them; and the city opened their gates, and received the king, with all the demonstration of affection and duty that could be expressed; and made such provision for the army, that it wanted nothing it could desire; the mayor taking care for the present provision of shoes and stockings, the want whereof, in so long a march, was very apparent and grievous. The principal persons of the country found themselves at liberty; and they, and the mayor and aldermen, with all the solemnity they could prepare, attended the herald, who proclaimed the king, as he had done, in more haste, and with less formality, in all those considerable towns through which his majesty had passed.

The army liked their quarters here so well, that

neither officer nor soldier was in any degree willing to quit them, till they should be throughly refreshed: and it could not be denied that the fatigue had been even insupportable; never had so many hundred miles been marched in so few days, and with so little rest; nor did it in truth appear reasonable to any that they should remove from thence, since it was not possible that they should be able to reach London, though it had been better prepared for the king's reception than it appeared to be, before Cromwell would be there: who, having with great haste continued his march in a direct line, was now as near to it as the king's army was, and stood only at a gaze to be informed what his majesty meant to do. Worcester was a very good post, seated almost in the middle of the kingdom, and in as fruitful a country as any part of it; a good city, served by the noble river of Severn from all the adjacent counties; Wales behind it, from whence levies might be made of great numbers of stout men: it was a place whither the king's friends might repair, if they had the affections they pretended to have; and it was a place where he might defend himself, if the enemy would attack him, with many advantages, and could not be compelled to engage his army in a battle, till Cromwell had gotten men enough to encompass him on all sides: and then the king might choose on which side to fight, since the enemy must be on both sides the river, and could not come suddenly to relieve each other, and this pressure would require much time; in which there might be an opportunity for several insurrections in the kingdom, if they were so weary of the present

tyranny, and so solicitous to be restored to the king's government, as they were conceived to be: for nobody could ever hope for a more secure season to manifest their loyalty, than when the king was in the heart of the kingdom, with a formed army of near twenty thousand men, horse and foot, (for so they might be accounted to be,) with which he might relieve those who were in danger to be oppressed by a more powerful party. These considerations produced the resolution to provide, in the best manner, to expect Cromwell there; and a hope that he might be exercised by other diversions: and there was like to be time enough to cast up such works upon the hill before the town, as might keep the enemy at a distance, and their own quarters from being suddenly straitened: all which were recommended to general Lesley to take care of, and to take such a perfect view of the ground, that no advantage might be lost when the time required it.

The first ill omen that happened was the news of the defeat of the earl of Derby, and the total destruction of those gallant persons who accompanied him. The earl of Derby, within two or three days after he had left the king, with a body of near two hundred horse, all gallant men, employed his servants and tenants to give the country notice of his staying behind the king, to head and command those persons who should repair to his service; which the quick march his majesty made through the country would not permit them to do. In expectation of a good appearance of the people, he went to a little market-town, called Wigan, in the duchy of Lancaster, where he stayed that night; when in the

morning a regiment of the militia of the neighbour counties, commanded by a man of courage, whom Cromwell had sent to follow in the track of the king's march, to gather up the stragglers, and such as were not able to keep pace with the army, having received some advertisement that a troop of the king's horse were behind the army in that town, fell very early into it, before the persons in the town were out of their beds, having assurance, upon all the inquiry they could make, that there was no enemy near them. Nor indeed was there any suspicion of this regiment, which consisted of the several troops of the several counties, and passed that way by accident. As many as could get to their horses, presently mounted; they who could not, put themselves together on foot, and all endeavoured to keep the enemy from entering into the town; and the few who were got on horseback charged them with great courage. But the number of the enemy was too great, and the town too open, to put a stop to them in any one place, when they could enter at so many, and encompass those who opposed them. The earl of Derby, after his horse had been killed under him, made a shift on foot, to get into some enclosed grounds, and to conceal himself all that day, but was soon betrayed, and apprehended, and committed to prison.

The lord Withrington, after he had received many wounds, and given as many, and merited his death by the vengeance he took upon those who assaulted him, was killed upon the place; and so was sir Thomas Tildesley, and many other gallant gentlemen, very few escaping to carry news of the defeat. Sir William Throgmorton, who had been

formerly major general of the marquis of Newcastle's army, and was left to command in the same function, received so many wounds, that he was looked upon as dead, and not fit to be carried away with the prisoners; and so fell into such charitable and generous hands in the town, that, being believed to be dead, he was afterwards so well recovered, though with great maims and loss of limbs, that he at last got himself transported into Holland; where he was, at first appearance, taken for a ghost, all men believing him to have been buried long before. Most of those who were taken prisoners, of any quality, were afterwards sacrificed as a spectacle to the people, and barbarously put to death in several places; some, with the earl of Derby; and others, near the same time, in other places.

The lord Withrington was one of the most goodly persons of that age, being near the head higher than most tall men, and a gentleman of the best and most ancient extraction of the county of Northumberland, and of a very fair fortune, and one of the four which the last king made choice of to be about the person of his son the prince as gentleman of his privy chamber, when he first erected his family. His affection to the king was always notorious; and serving in the house of commons as knight of the shire for the county of Northumberland, he quickly got the reputation of being amongst the most malignant. As soon as the war broke out, he was of the first who raised both horse and foot at his own charge, and served eminently with them under the marquis of Newcastle; with whom he had a very particular and entire friendship. He was very nearly allied to the marquis; and by his

testimony that he had performed many signal services, he was, about the middle of the war, made a peer of the kingdom. He was a man of great courage, and choler, by the last of which he incurred the ill will of many, who imputed it to an insolence of nature, which no man was farther from; no man of a nature more civil, and candid towards all, in business, or conversation. But having sat long in the house of commons, and observed the disingenuity of the proceedings there, and the gross cheats, by which they deceived and cozened the people, he had contracted so hearty an indignation against them and all who were cozened by them, and against all who had not his zeal to oppose and destroy them, that he often said things to slow and phlegmatic men, which offended them, and, it may be, injured them; which his good nature often obliged him to acknowledge, and ask pardon of those who would not question him for it. He transported himself into the parts beyond the sea at the same time with the marquis of Newcastle, to accompany him, and remained still with him till the king went into Scotland; and then waited upon his majesty, and endured the same affronts which others did, during the time of his residence there. And, it may be, the observation of their behaviour, the knowledge of their principles, and the disdain of their treatment, produced that aversion from their conversation, that prevailed upon his impatience to part too soon from their company, in hope that the earl of Derby, under whom he was very willing to serve, and he himself, might quickly draw together such a body of the royal party, as might give some check to the unbounded imaginations of that nation. It was re-

ported by the enemy, that, in respect of his brave person and behaviour, they did offer him quarter; which he refused; and that they were thereby compelled, in their own defence, to kill him; which is probable enough; for he knew well the animosity the parliament had against him, and it cannot be doubted but that, if he had fallen into their hands, they would not have used him better than they did the earl of Derby; who had not more enemies.

Sir Thomas Tildesley was a gentleman of a good family, and a good fortune, who had raised men at his own charge at the beginning of the war, and had served in the command of them till the very end of it, with great courage; and refusing to make any composition after the murder of the king, he found means to transport himself into Ireland to the marquis of Ormond; with whom he stayed, till he was, with the rest of the English officers, dismissed, to satisfy the barbarous jealousy of the Irish; and then got over into Scotland a little before the king marched from thence, and was desired by the earl of Derby to remain with him. The names of the other persons of quality who were killed in that encounter, and those who were taken prisoners, and afterwards put to death, ought to be discovered, and mentioned honourably, by any who shall propose to himself to communicate those transactions to the view of posterity.

When the news of this defeat came to Worcester, as it did even almost as soon as the king came thither, it exceedingly afflicted his majesty, and abated much of the hope he had of a general rising of the people on his behalf. His army was very little increased by the access of any English; and

though he had passed near the habitation of many persons of honour and quality, whose affections and loyalty had been notorious, not a man of them repaired to him. The sense of their former sufferings remained, and the smart was not over; nor did his stay in Worcester for so many days add any resort to his court. The gentlemen of the country whom his coming thither had redeemed from imprisonment, remained still with him, and were useful to him; they who were in their houses in the country, though as well affected, remained there, and came not to him; and though letters from London had given him cause to believe that many prepared to come to him, which for some days they might easily have done, none appeared, except some common men who had formerly served the last king, and repaired again to Worcester.

There were some other accidents and observations which administered matter of mortification to the king. The duke of Buckingham had a mind very restless, and thought he had not credit enough with the king, if it were not made manifest that he had more than any body else: and therefore, as soon as the king had entered England, though he had reason to believe that his majesty had not been abundantly satisfied with his behaviour in Scotland, he came to the king, and told him, "the business "was now to reduce England to his obedience; "and therefore he ought to do all things gracious, "and popular in the eyes of the nation; and "nothing could be less so, than that the army "should be under the command of a Scottish "general: that David Lesley was only lieutenant "general; and it had been unreasonable, whilst

" he remained in Scotland, to have put any other " to have commanded over him; but that it would " be as unreasonable, now they were in England, " and had hope to increase the army by the ac- " cess of the English, upon whom his principal " dependence must be, to expect that they would " be willing to serve under Lesley: that it would " not consist with the honour of any peer of " England to receive his orders; and, he believed, " that very few of that rank would repair to his " majesty, till they were secure from that appre- " hension;" and used much more discourse to that purpose. The king was so much surprised with it, that he could not imagine what he meant, and what the end of it would be; and asked him, " who it was that he thought fit his majesty " should give that command to?" when, to his astonishment, the duke told him, " he hoped his " majesty would confer it upon himself." At which the king was so amazed, that he found an occasion to break off the discourse, by calling upon somebody who was near, to come to him; and, by asking many questions, declined the former argument. The duke would not be so put off; but, the next day, in the march, renewed his importunity; and told the king, " that, he was confi- " dent, what he had proposed to him was so evi- " dently for his service, that David Lesley himself " would willingly consent to it." The king, angry at his prosecuting it in that manner, told him, " he " could hardly believe that he was in earnest, or " that he could in truth believe that he could be " fit for such a charge;" which the duke seemed to wonder at, and asked, " wherein his unfitness

"lay?" To which the king replied, "that he was "too young:" and he as readily alleged, "that "Harry the Fourth of France commanded an "army, and won a battle, when he was younger "than he:" so that, in the end, the king was compelled to tell him, "that he would have no "generalissimo but himself:" upon which the duke was so discontented, that he came no more to the council, scarce spoke to the king, neglected every body else and himself, insomuch as for many days he never put on clean linen, nor conversed with any body; nor did he recover this ill humour whilst the army stayed at Worcester.

There was another worse accident fell out soon after the king's coming thither: major general Massey, who thought himself now in his own territory, and that all between Worcester and Gloucester would be quickly his own conquest, knowing every step of the land and the river, went out with a party to secure a pass, which the enemy might make over the river; which he did very well; but would then make a farther inroad into the country, and possess a house which was of small importance, and in which there were men to defend it; where he received a very dangerous wound, that tore his arm and hand in such manner that he was in great torment, and could not stir out of his bed, in a time when his activity and industry was most wanted. By this means, the pass he had secured was either totally neglected, or not enough taken care for.

There was no good understanding between the officers of the army: David Lesley appeared dispirited, and confounded; gave and revoked his orders, and sometimes contradicted them. He did

not love Middleton, and was very jealous that all the officers loved him too well; who was indeed an excellent officer, and kept up the spirits of the rest, who had no esteem of Lesley. In this very unhappy distemper was the court and the army, in a season when they were ready to be swallowed by the malice and multitude of the enemy, and when nothing could preserve them, but the most sincere unity in their prayers to God, and a joint concurrence in their counsels and endeavours; in all which they were miserably divided.

The king had been several days in Worcester, when Cromwell was known to be within less than half a day's march, with an addition of very many regiments of horse and foot to those which he had brought with him from Scotland; and many other regiments were drawing towards him of the militia of the several counties, under the command of the principal gentlemen of the country: so that he was already very much superior, if not double in number to the army the king had with him. However, if those rules had been observed, those works cast up, and that order in quartering their men, as were resolved upon when the king came thither, there must have been a good defence made, and the advantages of the ground, the river, and the city, would have preserved them from being presently overrun. But, alas! the army was in amazement and confusion. Cromwell, without troubling himself with the formality of a siege, marched directly on as to a prey, and possessed the hill and all other places of advantage, with very little opposition. It was upon the third of September, when the king having been upon his horse

most part of the night, and having taken a full view of the enemy, and every body being upon the post they should be, and the enemy making such a stand, that it was concluded he meant to make no attempt that night, and if he should, he might be repelled with ease; his majesty, a little before noon, retired to his lodging to eat, and refresh himself: where he had not been near an hour, when the alarm came, "that both armies were en-" gaged;" and though his majesty's own horse was ready at the door, and he presently mounted, before or as soon as he came out of the city, he met the whole body of his horse running in so great fear, that he could not stop them, though he used all the means he could, and called to many officers by their names; and hardly preserved himself, by letting them pass by, from being overthrown, and overrun by them.

Cromwell had used none of the delay, nor circumspection which was imagined; but directed the troops to fall on in all places at once; and had caused a strong party to go over the river at the pass, which Massey had formerly secured, at a good distance from the town. And that being not at all guarded, they were never known to be on that side the river, till they were even ready to charge the king's troops. On that part where Middleton was, and with whom duke Hamilton charged, there was a very brave resistance; and they charged the enemy so vigorously, that they beat the body that charged them back, but they were quickly overpowered; and many gentlemen being killed, and Middleton hurt, and duke Hamilton's leg broke short off with a shot, the rest were

forced to retire and shift for themselves. In no other part was there resistance made; but such a general consternation possessed the whole army, that the rest of the horse fled, and all the foot threw down their arms before they were charged. When the king came back into the town, he found a good body of horse, which had been persuaded to make a stand, though much the major part passed through upon the spur without making any pause. The king desired those who stayed, "that "they would follow him, that they might look "upon the enemy, who, he believed, did not pursue "them." But when his majesty had gone a little way, he found most of the horse were gone the other way, and that he had none but a few servants of his own about him. Then he sent to have the gates of the town shut, that none might get in one way, nor out the other: but all was confusion; there were few to command, and none to obey: so that the king stayed till very many of the enemy's horse were entered the town, and then he was persuaded to withdraw himself.

Duke Hamilton fell into the enemy's hands; and, the next day, died of his wounds; and thereby prevented the being made a spectacle, as his brother had been; which the pride and animosity of his enemies would no doubt have done, having the same pretence for it by his being a peer of England, as the other was. He was in all respects to be much preferred before the other, a much wiser, though, it may be, a less cunning man: for he did not affect dissimulation, which was the other's masterpiece. He had unquestionable courage, in which the other did not abound: he was

in truth a very accomplished person, of an excellent judgment, and clear and ready expressions: and though he had been driven into some unwarrantable actions, he made it very evident he had not been led by any inclinations of his own, and passionately and heartily run to all opportunities of redeeming it: and, in the very article of his death, he expressed a marvellous cheerfulness, "that he "had the honour to lose his life in the king's ser-"vice, and thereby to wipe out the memory of his "former transgressions;" which he always professed were odious to himself.

As the victory cost the enemy no blood, so after it there was not much cruelty used to the prisoners who were taken upon the spot. But very many of those who run away were every day knocked in the head by the country people, and used with barbarity. Towards the king's menial servants, whereof most were taken, there was nothing of severity; but within few days they were all discharged, and set at liberty.

Though the king could not get a body of horse to fight, he could have too many to fly with him; and he had not been many hours from Worcester, when he found about him near, if not above, four thousand of his horse. There was David Lesley with all his own equipage, as if he had not fled upon the sudden; so that good order, and regularity, and obedience, might yet have made a hopeful retreat even into Scotland itself. But there was paleness in every man's looks, and jealousy and confusion in their faces; and nothing could worse befall the king, than a safe return into Scotland; which yet he could not reasonably promise to him-

self in that company. But when the night covered them, he found means to withdraw himself with one or two of his own servants; whom he likewise discharged, when it begun to be light; and after he had made them cut off his hair, he betook himself alone into an adjacent wood, and relied only upon Him for deliverance who alone could, and did miraculously deliver him.

When it was morning, and the troops, which had marched all night, and who knew that when it begun to be dark the king was with them, found now that he was not there, they cared less for each other's company; and all who were English separated themselves, and went into other roads; and wherever twenty horse appeared of the country, which was now awake, and upon their guard to stop and arrest the runaways, the whole body of the Scottish horse would fly, and run several ways; and twenty of them would give themselves prisoners to two country fellows: however, David Lesley reached Yorkshire with above fifteen hundred horse in a body. But the jealousies increased every day; and those of his own country were so unsatisfied with his whole conduct and behaviour, that they did, that is many of them, believe that he was corrupted by Cromwell; and the rest, who did not think so, believed him not to understand his profession, in which he had been bred from his cradle. When he was in his flight, considering one morning with the principal persons, which way they should take, some proposed this, and others that way; sir William Armorer asked him, "which way he "thought best?" which when he had named, the other said, "he would then go the other; for, he

" swore, he had betrayed the king and the army all " the time;" and so left him.

They were all soon after taken. And it is hard to be believed how very few of that numerous body of horse (for there can be no imagination that any of the foot escaped) returned into Scotland. Upon all the inquiry that was made, when a discovery was made of most of the false and treacherous actions which had been committed by most men, there appeared no cause to suspect that David Lesley had been unfaithful in his charge: though he never recovered any reputation with those of his own country who wedded the king's interest. And yet it was some vindication to him, that, from the time of his imprisonment, he never received any favour from the parliament, whom he had served so long; nor from Cromwell, in whose company he had served; but underwent all the severities, and long imprisonment, the rest of his countrymen underwent. The king did not believe him false; and did always think him an excellent officer of horse, to distribute and execute orders, but in no degree capable of commanding in chief. And without doubt he was so amazed in that fatal day, that he performed not the office of a general, or of any competent officer.

They who fled out of Worcester, and were not killed, but made prisoners, were treated best and found great humanity; but all the foot, and others who were taken in the town, except some few officers and persons of quality, were driven like cattle with a guard to London, and there treated with great rigour; and many perished for want of food; and being enclosed in little room, till they were

sold to the plantations for slaves, they died of all diseases. Cromwell returned in triumph; was received with universal joy and acclamation, as if he had destroyed the enemy of the nation, and for ever secured the liberty and happiness of the people: a price was set upon the king's head, whose escape was thought to be impossible; and order taken for the trial of the earl of Derby, and such other notorious prisoners as they had voted to destruction.

The earl of Derby was a man of unquestionable loyalty to the late king, and gave clear testimony of it before he received any obligations from the court, and when he thought himself disobliged by it. This king, in his first year, sent him the garter; which, in many respects, he had expected from the last. And the sense of that honour made him so readily comply with the king's command in attending him, when he had no confidence in the undertaking, nor any inclination to the Scots; who, he thought, had too much guilt upon them, in having depressed the crown, to be made instruments of repairing and restoring it. He was a man of great honour and clear courage; and all his defects and misfortunes proceeded from his having lived so little time among his equals, that he knew not how to treat his inferiors; which was the source of all the ill that befell him, having thereby drawn such prejudice against him from persons of inferior quality, who yet thought themselves too good to be contemned, that they pursued him to death. The king's army was no sooner defeated at Worcester, but the parliament renewed their old method of murdering in cold blood, and sent a commission to erect a high court of justice in Lancashire to per-

sons of ordinary quality, many not being gentlemen, and all notoriously his enemies, to try the earl of Derby for his treason and rebellion; which they easily found him guilty of; and put him to death in a town of his own, against which he had expressed a severe displeasure for their obstinate rebellion against the king, with all the circumstances of rudeness and barbarity they could invent. The same night, one of those who was amongst his judges sent a trumpet to the Isle of Man with a letter directed to the countess dowager of Derby, by which he required her "to deliver up the castle "and island to the parliament:" nor did their malice abate, till they had reduced that lady, a woman of very high and princely extraction, being the daughter of the duke de Tremouille in France, and of the most exemplary virtue and piety of her time, and that whole illustrious family, to the lowest penury and want, by disposing, giving, and selling, all the fortune and estate that should support it.

They of the king's friends in Flanders, France, and Holland, who had not been permitted to attend upon his majesty in Scotland, were much exalted with the news of his being entered England with a powerful army, and being possessed of Worcester, which made all men prepare to make haste thither. But they were confounded with the assurance of that fatal day, and more confounded with the various reports of the person of the king, "of his being "found amongst the dead; of his being prisoner;" and all those imaginations which naturally attend upon such unprosperous events. Many who had made escapes arrived every day in France, Flanders, and Holland, but knew no more what was become

of the king, than they did who had not been in England. The only comfort that any of them brought, was, that he was amongst those that fled, and some of them had seen him that evening after the battle, many miles out of Worcester. These unsteady degrees of hope and fear tormented them very long; sometimes they heard he was at the Hague with his sister, which was occasioned by the arrival of the duke of Buckingham in Holland; and it was thought good policy to publish that the king himself was landed, that the search after him in England might be discontinued. But it was quickly known that he was not there, nor in any place on that side the sea. And this anxiety of mind disquieted the hearts of all honest men during the whole months of September and October, and part of November; in which month his majesty was known to be at Rouen; where he made himself known, and stayed some days to provide clothes; and from thence gave notice to the queen of his arrival.

It is great pity that there was never a journal made of that miraculous deliverance, in which there might be seen so many visible impressions of the immediate hand of God. When the darkness of the night was over, after the king had cast himself into that wood, he discerned another man, who had gotten upon an oak in the same wood, near the place where the king had rested himself, and had slept soundly. The man upon the tree had first seen the king, and knew him, and came down to him, and was known to the king, being a gentleman of the neighbour county of Staffordshire, who had served his late majesty during the war, and

had now been one of the few who resorted to the king after his coming to Worcester. His name was Careless, who had had a command of foot, above the degree of a captain, under the lord Loughborough. He persuaded the king, since it could not be safe for him to go out of the wood, and that, as soon as it should be fully light, the wood itself would probably be visited by those of the country, who would be searching to find those whom they might make prisoners, that he would get up into that tree, where he had been; where the boughs were so thick with leaves, that a man would not be discovered there without a narrower inquiry than people usually make in places which they do not suspect. The king thought it good counsel; and, with the other's help, climbed into the tree; and then helped his companion to ascend after him; where they sat all that day, and securely saw many who came purposely into the wood to look after them, and heard all their discourse, how they would use the king himself if they could take him. This wood was either in or upon the borders of Staffordshire; and though there was a highway near one side of it, where the king had entered into it, yet it was large, and all other sides of it opened amongst enclosures, and it pleased God that Careless was not unacquainted with the neighbour villages; and it was part of the king's good fortune, that this gentleman, by being a Roman catholic, was acquainted with those of that profession of all degrees, who had the best opportunities of concealing him: for it must never be denied, that some of that faith had a very great share in his majesty's preservation.

The day being spent in the tree, it was not in the king's power to forget that he had lived two days with eating very little, and two nights with as little sleep; so that, when the night came, he was willing to make some provision for both: and he resolved, with the advice and assistance of his companion, to leave his blessed tree; and, when the night was dark, they walked through the wood into those enclosures which were farthest from any highway, and making a shift to get over hedges and ditches, after walking at least eight or nine miles, which were the more grievous to the king by the weight of his boots, (for he could not put them off, when he cut off his hair, for want of shoes,) before morning they came to a poor cottage, the owner whereof being a Roman catholic was known to Careless. He was called up, and as soon as he knew one of them, he easily concluded in what condition they both were; and presently carried them into a little barn, full of hay; which was a better lodging than he had for himself. But when they were there, and had conferred with their host of the news and temper of the country, it was resolved, that the danger would be the greater if they stayed together; and therefore that Careless should presently be gone; and should, within two days, send an honest man to the king, to guide him to some other place of security; and in the mean time his majesty should stay upon the hay-mow. The poor man had nothing for him to eat, but promised him good buttermilk the next morning; and so he was once more left alone, his companion, how weary soever, departing from him before day, the poor man of the house knowing no more, than

that he was a friend of the captain's, and one of those who had escaped from Worcester. The king slept very well in his lodging, till the time that his host brought him a piece of bread, and a great pot of buttermilk, which he thought the best food he ever had eaten. The poor man spoke very intelligently to him of the country, and of the people who were well or ill affected to the king, and of the great fear and terror, that possessed the hearts of those who were best affected. He told him, "that he himself lived by his daily labour, and "that what he had brought him was the fare he "and his wife had; and that he feared, if he should "endeavour to procure better, it might draw sus-"picion upon him, and people might be apt to "think he had somebody with him that was not of "his own family. However, if he would have him "get some meat, he would do it; but if he could "bear this hard diet, he should have enough of "the milk, and some of the butter that was made "with it." The king was satisfied with his reason, and would not run the hazard for a change of diet; desired only the man, "that he might have his "company as often, and as much as he could give "it him;" there being the same reason against the poor man's discontinuing his labour, as the alteration of his fare.

After he had rested upon this hay-mow, and fed upon this diet two days and two nights, in the evening before the third night, another fellow, a little above the condition of his host, came to the house, sent from Careless, to conduct the king to another house, more out of any road near which any part of the army was like to march. It was

above twelve miles that he was to go, and was to use the same caution he had done the first night, not to go in any common road; which his guide knew well how to avoid. Here he new dressed himself, changing clothes with his landlord and putting on those which he usually wore: he had a great mind to have kept his own shirt; but he considered, that men are not sooner discovered by any mark in disguises, than by having fine linen in ill clothes; and so he parted with his shirt too, and took the same his poor host had then on. Though he had foreseen that he must leave his boots, and his landlord had taken the best care he could to provide an old pair of shoes, yet they were not easy to him when he first put them on, and, in a short time after, grew very grievous to him. In this equipage he set out from his first lodging in the beginning of the night, under the conduct of this comrade; who guided him the nearest way, crossing over hedges and ditches, that they might be in least danger of meeting passengers. This was so grievous a march, and he was so tired, that he was even ready to despair, and to prefer being taken and suffered to rest, before purchasing his safety at that price. His shoes had, after the walking a few miles, hurt him so much, that he had thrown them away, and walked the rest of the way in his ill stockings, which were quickly worn out; and his feet, with the thorns in getting over hedges, and with the stones in other places, were so hurt and wounded, that he many times cast himself upon the ground, with a desperate and obstinate resolution to rest there till the morning, that he might shift

with less torment, what hazard soever he run. But his stout guide still prevailed with him to make a new attempt, sometimes promising that the way should be better, and sometimes assuring him that he had but little farther to go: and in this distress and perplexity, before the morning, they arrived at the house designed; which though it was better than that which he had left, his lodging was still in the barn, upon straw instead of hay, a place being made as easy in it, as the expectation of a guest could dispose it. Here he had such meat and porridge as such people use to have; with which, but especially with the butter and the cheese, he thought himself well feasted; and took the best care he could to be supplied with other, little better, shoes and stockings: and after his feet were enough recovered that he could go, he was conducted from thence to another poor house, within such a distance as put him not to much trouble: for having not yet in his thought which way, or by what means to make his escape, all that was designed was only, by shifting from one house to another, to avoid discovery. And being now in that quarter which was more inhabited by the Roman catholics than most other parts in England, he was led from one to another of that persuasion, and concealed with great fidelity. But he then observed that he was never carried to any gentleman's house, though that country was full of them, but only to poor houses of poor men, which only yielded him rest with very unpleasant sustenance; whether there was more danger in those better houses, in regard of the resort, and the many

servants; or whether the owners of great estates were the owners likewise of more fears and apprehensions.

Within few days, a very honest and discreet person, one Mr. Hudleston, a Benedictine monk, who attended the service of the Roman catholics in those parts, came to him, sent by Careless; and was a very great assistance and comfort to him. And when the places to which he carried him were at too great a distance to walk, he provided him a horse, and more proper habit than the rags he wore. This man told him, "that the lord Wilmot lay "concealed likewise in a friend's house of his; "which his majesty was very glad of; and wished "him to contrive some means, how they might "speak together;" which the other easily did; and, within a night or two, brought them into one place. Wilmot told the king, "that he had by "very good fortune fallen into the house of an "honest gentleman, one Mr. Lane, a person of an "excellent reputation for his fidelity to the king, "but of so universal and general a good name, "that, though he had a son, who had been a colo-"nel in the king's service, during the late war, "and was then upon his way with men to Worces-"ter the very day of the defeat, men of all affec-"tions in the country, and of all opinions, paid the "old man a very great respect: that he had been "very civilly treated there, and that the old gen-"tleman had used some diligence to find out where "the king was, that he might get him to his "house; where, he was sure, he could conceal "him till he might contrive a full deliverance." He told him, "he had withdrawn from that house,

" and put himself amongst the catholics, in hope " that he might discover where his majesty was, " and having now happily found him, advised him " to repair to that house, which stood not near " any other."

The king inquired of the monk of the reputation of this gentleman; who told him, " that he had a " fair estate; was exceedingly beloved; and the " eldest justice of peace of that county of Stafford; " and though he was a very zealous protestant, yet " he lived with so much civility and candour to- " wards the catholics, that they would all trust " him, as much as they would do any of their own " profession; and that he could not think of any " place of so good repose and security for his ma- " jesty's repair to." The king, who by this time had as good a mind to eat well as to sleep, liked the proposition, yet thought not fit to surprise the gentleman; but sent Wilmot thither again, to assure himself that he might be received there; and was willing that he should know what guest he received; which hitherto was so much concealed, that none of the houses, where he had yet been, knew, or seemed to suspect more than that he was one of the king's party that fled from Worcester. The monk carried him to a house at a reasonable distance, where he was to expect an account from the lord Wilmot; who returned very punctually, with as much assurance of welcome as he could wish. And so they two went together to Mr. Lane's house; where the king found he was welcome, and conveniently accommodated in such places, as in a large house had been provided to conceal the persons of malignants, or to preserve goods of value

from being plundered. Here he lodged, and eat very well; and begun to hope that he was in present safety. Wilmot returned under the care of the monk, and expected summons, when any farther motion should be thought to be necessary.

In this station the king remained in quiet and blessed security many days, receiving every day information of the general consternation the kingdom was in, out of the apprehension that his person might fall into the hands of his enemies, and of the great diligence they used to inquire for him. He saw the proclamation that was issued out and printed; in which a thousand pounds were promised to any man who would deliver and discover the person of Charles Stuart, and the penalty of high treason declared against those who presumed to harbour or conceal him: by which he saw how much he was beholding to all those who were faithful to him. It was now time to consider how he might find himself near the sea, from whence he might find some means to transport himself: and he was now near the middle of the kingdom, saving that it was a little more northward, where he was utterly unacquainted with all the ports, and with that coast. In the west he was best acquainted, and that coast was most proper to transport him into France; to which he was most inclined. Upon this matter he communicated with those of this family to whom he was known, that is, with the old gentleman the father, a very grave and venerable person; the colonel his eldest son, a very plain man in his discourse and behaviour, but of a fearless courage, and an integrity superior to any temptation; and a daughter of the house, of a very good

wit and discretion, and very fit to bear any part in such a trust. It was a benefit, as well as an inconvenience, in those unhappy times, that the affections of all men were almost as well known as their faces, by the discovery they had made of themselves, in those sad seasons, in many trials and persecutions: so that men knew not only the minds of their next neighbours, and those who inhabited near them, but, upon conference with their friends, could choose fit houses, at any distance, to repose themselves in security, from one end of the kingdom to another, without trusting the hospitality of a common inn: and men were very rarely deceived in their confidence upon such occasions, but the persons with whom they were at any time, could conduct them to another house of the same affection.

Mr. Lane had a niece, or very near kinswoman, who was married to a gentleman, one Mr. Norton, a person of eight or nine hundred pounds *per annum*, who lived within four or five miles of Bristol, which was at least four or five days' journey from the place where the king then was, but a place most to be wished for the king to be in, because he did not only know all that country very well, but knew many persons also, to whom, in an extraordinary case, he durst make himself known. It was hereupon resolved, that Mrs. Lane should visit this cousin, who was known to be of good affections; and that she should ride behind the king, who was fitted with clothes and boots for such a service; and that a servant of her father's, in his livery, should wait upon her. A good house was easily pitched upon for the first night's lodging; where Wilmot had notice given him to meet. And in

this equipage the king begun his journey; the colonel keeping him company at a distance, with a hawk upon his fist, and two or three spaniels; which, where there were any fields at hand, warranted him to ride out of the way, keeping his company still in his eye, and not seeming to be of it. In this manner they came to their first night's lodging; and they need not now contrive to come to their journey's end about the close of the evening, for it was in the month of October far advanced, that the long journeys they made could not be despatched sooner. Here the lord Wilmot found them; and their journeys being then adjusted, he was instructed where he should be every night: so they were seldom seen together in the journey, and rarely lodged in the same house at night. In this manner the colonel hawked two or three days, till he had brought them within less than a day's journey of Mr. Norton's house; and then he gave his hawk to the lord Wilmot; who continued the journey in the same exercise.

There was great care taken when they came to any house, that the king might be presently carried into some chamber; Mrs. Lane declaring, "that "he was a neighbour's son, whom his father had "lent her to ride before her, in hope that he would "the sooner recover from a quartan ague, with "which he had been miserably afflicted, and was "not yet free." And by this artifice she caused a good bed to be still provided for him, and the best meat to be sent; which she often carried herself, to hinder others from doing it. There was no resting in any place till they came to Mr. Norton's, nor any thing extraordinary that happened in the way,

save that they met many people every day in the way, who were very well known to the king; and the day that they went to Mr. Norton's, they were necessarily to ride quite through the city of Bristol; a place, and people, the king had been so well acquainted with, that he could not but send his eyes abroad to view the great alterations which had been made there, after his departure from thence: and when he rode near the place where the great fort had stood, he could not forbear putting his horse out of the way, and rode with his mistress behind him round about it.

They came to Mr. Norton's house sooner than usual, and it being on a holyday, they saw many people about a bowling-green that was before the door; and the first man the king saw was a chaplain of his own, who was allied to the gentleman of the house, and was sitting upon the rails to see how the bowlers played. William, by which name the king went, walked with his horse into the stable, until his mistress could provide for his retreat. Mrs. Lane was very welcome to her cousin, and was presently conducted to her chamber; where she no sooner was, than she lamented the condition of "a good youth, who came with her, "and whom she had borrowed of his father to ride "before her, who was very sick, being newly reco-"vered of an ague;" and desired her cousin, "that "a chamber might be provided for him, and a good "fire made: for that he would go early to bed, "and was not fit to be below stairs." A pretty little chamber was presently made ready, and a fire prepared, and a boy sent into the stable to call William, and to shew him his chamber; who was

very glad to be there, freed from so much company as was below. Mrs. Lane was put to find some excuse for making a visit at that time of the year, and so many days' journey from her father, and where she had never been before, though the mistress of the house and she had been bred together, and friends as well as kindred. She pretended, "that she was, after a little rest, to go into Dor-"setshire to another friend." When it was supper-time, there being broth brought to the table, Mrs. Lane filled a little dish, and desired the butler, who waited at the table, "to carry that dish of "porridge to William, and to tell him that he "should have some meat sent to him presently." The butler carried the porridge into the chamber, with a napkin, and spoon, and bread, and spoke kindly to the young man; who was willing to be eating.

The butler, looking narrowly upon him, fell upon his knees, and with tears told him, "he was glad "to see his majesty." The king was infinitely surprised, yet recollected himself enough to laugh at the man, and to ask him, "what he meant?" The man had been falconer to sir Thomas Jermyn, and made it appear that he knew well enough to whom he spoke, repeating some particulars, which the king had not forgot. Whereupon the king conjured him "not to speak of what he knew, so "much as to his master, though he believed him a "very honest man." The fellow promised, and faithfully kept his word; and the king was the better waited upon during the time of his abode there.

Dr. Gorges, the king's chaplain, being a gentle-

man of a good family near that place, and allied to Mr. Norton, supped with them; and, being a man of a cheerful conversation, asked Mrs. Lane many questions concerning William, of whom he saw she was so careful by sending up meat to him, "how long his ague had been gone? and whether "he had purged since it left him?" and the like; to which she gave such answers as occurred. The doctor, from the final prevalence of the parliament, had, as many others of that function had done, declined his profession, and pretended to study physic. As soon as supper was done, out of good nature, and without telling any body, he went to see William. The king saw him coming into the chamber, and withdrew to the inside of the bed, that he might be farthest from the candle; and the doctor came, and sat down by him, felt his pulse, and asked him many questions, which he answered in as few words as was possible, and expressing great inclination to go to his bed; to which the doctor left him, and went to Mrs. Lane, and told her, "that he had been with William, and that he "would do well;" and advised her what she should do if his ague returned. The next morning the doctor went away, so that the king saw him no more, of which he was right glad. The next day the lord Wilmot came to the house with his hawk, to see Mrs. Lane, and so conferred with William; who was to consider what he was to do. They thought it necessary to rest some days, till they were informed what port lay most convenient for them, and what person lived nearest to it, upon whose fidelity they might rely: and the king gave him directions to inquire after some persons, and

some other particulars, of which when he should be fully instructed, he should return again to him. In the mean time Wilmot lodged at a house not far from Mr. Norton's, to which he had been recommended.

After some days' stay here, and communication between the king and the lord Wilmot by letters, the king came to know that colonel Francis Windham lived within little more than a day's journey of the place where he was; of which he was very glad; for besides the inclination he had to his eldest brother, whose wife had been his nurse, this gentleman had behaved himself very well during the war, and had been governor of Dunstar castle, where the king had lodged when he was in the west. After the end of the war, and when all other places were surrendered in that county, he likewise surrendered that, upon fair conditions, and made his peace, and afterwards married a wife with a competent fortune, and lived quietly, without any suspicion of having lessened his affection towards the king.

The king sent Wilmot to him, and acquainted him where he was, and "that he would gladly "speak with him." It was not hard for him to choose a good place where to meet, and thereupon the day was appointed. After the king had taken his leave of Mrs. Lane, who remained with her cousin Norton, the king, and the lord Wilmot, met the colonel; and, in the way, he encountered in a town, through which they passed, Mr. Kirton, a servant of the king's, who well knew the lord Wilmot, who had no other disguise than the hawk, but took no notice of him, nor suspected the king

to be there; yet that day made the king more wary of having him in his company upon the way. At the place of meeting they rested only one night, and then the king went to the colonel's house; where he rested many days, whilst the colonel projected at what place the king might embark, and how they might procure a vessel to be ready there; which was not easy to find; there being so great caution in all the ports, and so great a fear possessing those who were honest, that it was hard to procure any vessel that was outward bound to take in any passenger.

There was a gentleman, one Mr. Ellison, who lived near Lyme in Dorsetshire, and was well known to colonel Windham, having been a captain in the king's army, and was still looked upon as a very honest man. With him the colonel consulted, how they might get a vessel to be ready to take in a couple of gentlemen, friends of his, who were in danger to be arrested, and transport them into France. Though no man would ask who the persons were, yet every man suspected who they were; at least they concluded, that it was some of Worcester party. Lyme was generally as malicious and disaffected a town to the king's interest, as any town in England could be: yet there was in it a master of a bark, of whose honesty this captain was very confident. This man was lately returned from France, and had unladen his vessel, when Ellison asked him, "when he would make another "voyage?" And he answered, "as soon as he "could get lading for his ship." The other asked, "whether he would undertake to carry over a "couple of gentlemen, and land them in France,

" if he might be as well paid for his voyage as he " used to be when he was freighted by the mer- " chants." In conclusion, he told him, " he should " receive fifty pounds for his fare." The large recompense had that effect, that the man under- took it; though he said " he must make his pro- " vision very secretly; for that he might be well " suspected for going to sea again without being " freighted, after he was so newly returned." Colonel Windham, being advertised of this, came together with the lord Wilmot to the captain's house, from whence the lord and the captain rid to a house near Lyme; where the master of the bark met them; and the lord Wilmot being satisfied with the discourse of the man, and his wariness in foreseeing suspicions which would arise, it was re- solved, that on such a night, which, upon consi- deration of the tides, was agreed upon, the man should draw out his vessel from the pier, and, being at sea, should come to such a point about a mile from the town, where his ship should remain upon the beach when the water was gone; which would take it off again about break of day the next morning. There was very near that point, even in the view of it, a small inn, kept by a man who was reputed honest, to which the cavaliers of the coun- try often resorted; and London road passed that way; so that it was seldom without resort. Into that inn the two gentlemen were to come in the beginning of the night, that they might put them- selves on board. All things being thus concerted, and good earnest given to the master, the lord Wilmot and the colonel returned to the colonel's house, above a day's journey from the place, the captain

undertaking every day to look that the master should provide, and, if any thing fell out contrary to expectation, to give the colonel notice at such a place, where they intended the king should be the day before he was to embark.

The king, being satisfied with these preparations, came, at the time appointed, to that house where he was to hear that all went as it ought to do; of which he received assurance from the captain; who found that the man had honestly put his provisions on board, and had his company ready, which were but four men; and that the vessel should be drawn out that night: so that it was fit for the two persons to come to the aforesaid inn, and the captain conducted them within sight of it; and then went to his own house, not distant a mile from it; the colonel remaining still at the house where they had lodged the night before, till he might hear the news of their being embarked.

They found many passengers in the inn; and so were to be contented with an ordinary chamber, which they did not intend to sleep long in. But as soon as there appeared any light, Wilmot went out to discover the bark, of which there was no appearance. In a word, the sun arose, and nothing like a ship in view. They sent to the captain, who was as much amazed; and he sent to the town; and his servant could not find the master of the bark, which was still in the pier. They suspected the captain, and the captain suspected the master. However, it being past ten of the clock, they concluded it was not fit for them to stay longer there, and so they mounted their horses again to return

to the house where they had left the colonel, who, they knew, resolved to stay there till he were assured that they were gone.

The truth of the disappointment was this; the man meant honestly, and made all things ready for his departure; and the night he was to go out with his vessel, he had stayed in his own house, and slept two or three hours; and the time of the tide being come, that it was necessary to be on board, he took out of a cupboard some linen, and other things, which he used to carry with him to sea. His wife had observed, that he had been for some days fuller of thoughts than he used to be, and that he had been speaking with seamen, who used to go with him, and that some of them had carried provisions on board the bark; of which she had asked her husband the reason; who had told her, "that he was promised freight speedily, and "therefore he would make all things ready." She was sure that there was yet no lading in the ship, and therefore, when she saw her husband take all those materials with him, which was a sure sign that he meant to go to sea, and it being late in the night, she shut the door, and swore he should not go out of his house. He told her, "he must go, and was "engaged to go to sea that night; for which he "should be well paid." His wife told him, "she "was sure he was doing somewhat that would "undo him, and she was resolved he should not "go out of his house; and if he should persist in "it, she would tell the neighbours, and carry him "before the mayor to be examined, that the truth "might be found out." The poor man, thus mastered by the passion and violence of his wife, was

forced to yield to her, that there might be no farther noise; and so went into his bed.

And it was very happy that the king's jealousy hastened him from that inn. It was the solemn fast day, which was observed in those times principally to inflame the people against the king, and all those who were loyal to him; and there was a chapel in that village over against that inn, where a weaver, who had been a soldier, used to preach, and utter all the villainy imaginable against the old order of government: and he was then in the chapel preaching to his congregation, when the king went from thence, and telling the people, "that Charles Stuart was lurking somewhere in "that country, and that they would merit from "God Almighty, if they could find him out." The passengers, who had lodged in the inn that night, had, as soon as they were up, sent for a smith to visit their horses, it being a hard frost. The smith, when he had done what he was sent for, according to the custom of that people, examined the feet of the other two horses to find more work. When he had observed them, he told the host of the house, "that one of those horses "had travelled far; and that he was sure that his "four shoes had been made in four several coun-"ties;" which, whether his skill was able to discover or no, was very true. The smith going to the sermon told this story to some of his neighbours; and so it came to the ears of the preacher, when his sermon was done. Immediately he sent for an officer, and searched the inn, and inquired for those horses; and being informed that they were gone, he caused horses to be sent to follow

them, and to make inquiry after the two men who rid those horses, and positively declared, "that one "of them was Charles Stuart."

When they came again to the colonel, they presently concluded that they were to make no longer stay in those parts, nor any more to endeavour to find a ship upon that coast; and, without any farther delay, they rode back to the colonel's house; where they arrived in the night. Then they resolved to make their next attempt more southward, in Hampshire and Sussex, where colonel Windham had no interest. They must pass through all Wiltshire before they came thither; which would require many days' journey: and they were first to consider what honest houses there were in or near the way, where they might securely repose; and it was thought very dangerous for the king to ride through any great town, as Salisbury, or Winchester, which might probably lie in their way.

There was between that and Salisbury a very honest gentleman, colonel Robert Philips, a younger brother of a very good family, which had always been very loyal; and he had served the king during the war. The king was resolved to trust him; and so sent the lord Wilmot to a place from whence he might send to Mr. Philips to come to him, and when he had spoken with him, Mr. Philips should come to the king, and Wilmot was to stay in such a place as they two should agree. Mr. Philips accordingly came to the colonel's house; which he could do without suspicion, they being nearly allied. The ways were very full of soldiers; which were

sent now from the army to their quarters, and many regiments of horse and foot were assigned for the west; of which division Desborough was major general. These marches were like to last for many days, and it would not be fit for the king to stay so long in that place. Thereupon, he resorted to his old security of taking a woman behind him, a kinswoman of colonel Windham, whom he carried in that manner to a place not far from Salisbury; to which colonel Philips conducted him. In this journey he passed through the middle of a regiment of horse; and, presently after, met Desborough walking down a hill with three or four men with him; who had lodged in Salisbury the night before; all that road being full of soldiers.

The next day, upon the plains, Dr. Hinchman, one of the prebends of Salisbury, met the king, the lord Wilmot and Philips then leaving him to go to the sea-coast to find a vessel, the doctor conducting the king to a place called Heale, three miles from Salisbury, belonging then to sergeant Hyde, who was afterwards chief justice of the King's Bench, and then in the possession of the widow of his elder brother; a house that stood alone from neighbours, and from any highway; where coming in late in the evening, he supped with some gentlemen who accidentally were in the house; which could not well be avoided. But, the next morning, he went early from thence, as if he had continued his journey; and the widow, being trusted with the knowledge of her guest, sent her servants out of the way; and, at an hour appointed, received him again, and accommodated him in a little room, which had been made since the beginning of the

troubles for the concealment of delinquents, the seat always belonging to a malignant family.

Here he lay concealed, without the knowledge of some gentlemen, who lived in the house, and of others who daily resorted thither, for many days, the widow herself only attending him with such things as were necessary, and bringing him such letters as the doctor received from the lord Wilmot and colonel Philips. A vessel being at last provided upon the coast of Sussex, and notice thereof sent to Dr. Hinchman, he sent to the king to meet him at Stonehenge upon the plains three miles from Heale; whither the widow took care to direct him; and being there met, he attended him to the place where colonel Philips received him. He, the next day, delivered him to the lord Wilmot; who went with him to a house in Sussex, recommended by colonel Gunter, a gentleman of that country, who had served the king in the war; who met him there; and had provided a little bark at Brighthelmstone, a small fisher-town; where he went early on board, and, by God's blessing, arrived safely in Normandy.

The earl of Southampton, who was then at his house at Titchfield in Hampshire, had been advertised of the king's being in the west, and of his missing his passage at Lyme, and sent a trusty gentleman to those faithful persons in the country, who, he thought, were most like to be employed for his escape if he came into those parts, to let them know, "that he had a ship ready, and if the "king came to him, he should be safe;" which advertisement came to the king the night before he embarked, and when his vessel was ready. But

his majesty ever acknowledged the obligation with great kindness, he being the only person of that condition, who had the courage to solicit such danger, though all good men heartily wished his deliverance. It was about the end of November, that the king landed in Normandy, in a small creek; from whence he got to Rouen, and then gave notice to the queen of his arrival, and freed his subjects in all places from their dismal apprehensions.

Though this wonderful deliverance and preservation of the person of the king was an argument of general joy and comfort to all his good subjects, and a new seed of hope for future blessings, yet his present condition was very deplorable. France was not at all pleased with his being come thither, nor did quickly take notice of his being there. The queen his mother was very glad of his escape, but in no degree able to contribute towards his support; they who had interest with her finding all she had, or could get, too little for their own unlimited expense. Besides, the distraction that court had been lately in, and was not yet free from the effects of, made her pension to be paid with less punctuality than it had used to be; so that she was forced to be in debt both to her servants, and for the very provisions of her house; nor had the king one shilling towards the support of himself and his family.

As soon as his majesty came to Paris, and knew that the chancellor of the exchequer was at Antwerp, he commanded Seymour, who was of his bedchamber, to send to him to repair thither; which whilst he was providing to do, Mr. Long,

the king's secretary, who was at Amsterdam, and had been removed from his attendance in Scotland by the marquis of Argyle, writ to the chancellor, "that he had received a letter from the king, by "which he was required to let all his majesty's "servants who were in those parts, know, it was "his pleasure that none of them should repair to "him to Paris, until they should receive farther "order, since his majesty could not yet resolve "how long he should stay there: of which," Mr. Long said, "he thought it his duty to give him "notice; with this, that the lord Colepepper and "himself, who had resolved to have made haste "thither, had in obedience to this command laid "aside that purpose." The chancellor concluded that this inhibition concerned not him, since he had received a command from the king to wait upon him. Besides, he had still the character of ambassador upon him, which he could not lay down till he had kissed his majesty's hand. So he pursued his former purpose, and came to Paris in the Christmas, and found that the command to Mr. Long had been procured by the queen, with an eye principally upon the chancellor, who she had no mind should be with the king; though, when there was no remedy, the queen received him graciously. But the king was very well pleased with his being come; and, for the first four or five days, he spent many hours with him in private, and informed him of very many particulars, of the barbarous treatment he had received in Scotland, the reason of his march into England, the confusion at Worcester, and all the circumstances of his happy escape and deliverance; many parts whereof are comprehended

in this relation, and are exactly true. For besides all those particulars which the king himself was pleased to communicate to him, so soon after the transactions of them, when they had made so lively an impression in his memory, and of which the chancellor at that time kept a very punctual memorial; he had, at the same time, the daily conversation of the lord Wilmot; who informed him of all he could remember: and sometimes the king and he recollected many particulars in the discourse together, in which the king's memory was much better than the other's. And after the king's blessed return into England, he had frequent conferences with many of those who had acted several parts towards the escape; whereof many were of the chancellor's nearest alliance, and others his most intimate friends; towards whom his majesty always made many gracious expressions of his acknowledgment: so that there is nothing in this short relation the verity whereof can justly be suspected, though, as is said before, it is great pity, that there could be no diary made, indeed no exact account of every hour's adventure from the coming out of Worcester, in that dismal confusion, to the hour of his embarkation at Brighthelmstone; in which there was such a concurrence of good nature, charity, and generosity, in persons of the meanest and lowest extraction and condition, who did not know the value of the precious jewel that was in their custody, yet all knew him to be escaped from such an action as would make the discovery and delivery of him to those who governed over and amongst them, of great benefit, and present advantage to them; and in those who did know him, of

such courage, loyalty, and activity, that all may reasonably look upon the whole, as the inspiration and conduct of God Almighty, as a manifestation of his power and glory, and for the conviction of that whole nation, which had sinned so grievously; and if it hath not wrought that effect in them, it hath rendered them the more inexcusable.

As the greatest brunt of the danger was diverted by these poor people, in his night-marches on foot, with so much pain and torment, that he often thought that he paid too dear a price for his life, before he fell into the hands of persons of better quality, and places of more conveniency, so he owed very much to the diligence and fidelity of some ecclesiastical persons of the Romish persuasion; especially to those of the order of St. Bennet; which was the reason that he expressed more favours, after his restoration, to that order than to any other, and granted them some extraordinary privileges about the service of the queen, not concealing the reason why he did so; which ought to have satisfied all men, that his majesty's indulgence towards all of that profession, by restraining the severity and rigour of the laws which had been formerly made against them, had its rise from a fountain of princely justice and gratitude, and of royal bounty and clemency.

Whilst the counsels and enterprises in Scotland and England had this woful issue, Ireland had no better success in its undertakings. Cromwell had made so great a progress in his conquests, before he left that kingdom that he might visit Scotland, that he was become, upon the matter, entirely possessed of the two most valuable and best in-

habited provinces, Lemster and Munster; and plainly discerned, that what remained to be done, if dexterously conducted, would be with most ease brought to pass by the folly and perfidiousness of the Irish themselves; who would save their enemies a labour, in contributing to and hastening their own destruction. He had made the bridge fair, easy, and safe for them to pass over into foreign countries, by levies and transportations; which liberty they embraced, as hath been said before, with all imaginable greediness: and he had entertained agents, and spies, as well friars as others amongst the Irish, who did not only give him timely advertisements of what was concluded to be done, but had interest and power enough to interrupt and disturb the consultations, and to obstruct the execution thereof: and having put all things in this hopeful method of proceeding, in which there was like to be more use of the halter than the sword, he committed the managing of the rest, and the government of the kingdom, to his son-in-law Ireton; whom he made deputy under him of Ireland: a man, who knew the bottom of all his counsels and purposes, and was of the same, or a greater pride and fierceness in his nature, and most inclined to pursue those rules, in the forming whereof he had had the chief influence. And he, without fighting a battle, though he lived not many months after, reduced most of the rest that Cromwell left unfinished.

The marquis of Ormond knew and understood well the desperate condition and state he was in, when he had no other strength and power to depend upon, than that of the Irish, for the support

of the king's authority; yet there were many of the nobility and principal gentry of the Irish, in whose loyalty towards the king, and affection and friendship towards his own person, he had justly all confidence; and there were amongst the [Romish] clergy some moderate men, who did detest the savage ignorance of the rest: so that he entertained still some hope, that the wiser would by degrees convert the weaker, and that they would all understand how inseparable their own preservation and interest was from the support of the king's dignity and authority, and that the wonderful judgments of God, which were every day executed by Ireton upon the principal and most obstinate contrivers of their odious rebellion, and who perversely and peevishly opposed their return to their obedience to the king, as often as they fell into his power, would awaken them out of their sottish lethargy, and unite them in the defence of their nation. For there was scarce a man, whose bloody and brutish behaviour in the beginning of the rebellion, or whose barbarous violation of the peace that had been consented to, had exempted them from the king's mercy, and left them only subjects of his justice, as soon as they could be apprehended, who was not taken by Ireton, and hanged with all the circumstances of severity that was due to their wickedness; of which innumerable examples might be given.

There yet remained free from Cromwell's yoke, the two large provinces of Connaught and of Ulster, and the two strong cities of Limerick and of Galloway, both garrisoned with Irish, and excellently supplied with all things necessary for their

defence, and many other good port towns, and other strong places; all which pretended and professed to be for the king, and to yield obedience to the marquis of Ormond, his majesty's lieutenant. And there were still many good regiments of horse and foot together under Preston, who seemed to be ready to perform any service the marquis should require: so that he did reasonably hope, that by complying with some of their humours, by sacrificing somewhat of his honour, and much of his authority, to their jealousy and peevishness, he should be able to draw such a strength together, as would give a stop to Ireton's career. O'Neile at this time, after he had been so baffled and affronted by the parliament, and after he had seen his bosom friend, and sole counsellor, the bishop of Clogher, (who had managed the treaty with Monk, and was taken prisoner upon the defeat of a party of horse, carried before Ireton, and by his order hanged, drawn, and quartered as a traitor, sent "to offer his service to the marquis of Or-" mond with the army under his command, upon " such conditions as the marquis thought fit to " send to him;" and it was reasonably believed that he did intend very sincerely, and would have done very good service; for he was the best soldier of the nation, and had the most command over his men, and was best obeyed by them. But, as he was upon his march towards a conjunction with the lord lieutenant, he fell sick; and, in a few days, died: so that that treaty produced no effect; for though many of his army prosecuted his resolution, and joined with the marquis of Ormond, yet their officers had little power over their soldiers; who,

being all of the old Irish Septs of Ulster, were entirely governed by the friars, and were shortly after prevailed upon, either to transport themselves, or to retire to their bogs, and prey for themselves upon all they met, without distinction of persons or interest.

The marquis's orders for drawing the troops together to any rendezvous were totally neglected and disobeyed; and the commissioners' orders for the collection of money, and contribution in such proportions as had been settled and agreed unto, were as much contemned: so that such regiments, as with great difficulty were brought together, were as soon dissolved for want of pay, order, and accommodation; or else dispersed by the power of the friars; as in the city of Limerick, when the marquis was there, and had appointed several companies to be drawn into the market-place, to be employed upon a present expedition, an officer of good affections, and thought to have much credit with his soldiers, brought with him two hundred very likely soldiers well armed, and disciplined, and having received his orders from the marquis, who was upon the place, begun to march; when a Franciscan friar in his habit, and with a crucifix in his hand, came to the head of the company, and commanded them all, "upon pain of damnation, "that they should not march:" upon which they all threw down their arms, and did as the friar directed them; who put the whole city into a mutiny: insomuch as the lord lieutenant was compelled to go out of it, and not without some difficulty escaped; though most of the magistrates of the city did all that was in their power to suppress

the disorder, and to reduce the people to obedience; and some of them were killed, and many wounded in the attempt. As an instance of those judgments from heaven which we lately mentioned in general, Patrick Fanning, who with the friar had the principal part in that sedition, the very next night after Ireton was without a blow possessed of that strong city, was apprehended, and the next day hanged, drawn, and quartered. Such of the commissioners who adhered firmly to the lord lieutenant, in using all their power to advance the king's service, and to reduce their miserable countrymen from effecting and contriving their own destruction, were without any credit, and all their warrants and summons neglected; when the others, who declined the service, and desired to obstruct it, had all respect and submission paid to them.

They who appeared, after the first misfortune before Dublin, to corrupt, and mislead, and dishearten the people, were the friars, and some of their inferior clergy. But now the titular bishops, who had been all made at Rome since the beginning of the rebellion, appeared more active than the other. They called an assembly of the bishops, (every one of which had signed the articles of the peace,) and chosen clergy as a representative of their church to meet with all formality at [James Town]; where, under the pretence of providing for the security of religion, they examined the whole proceedings of the war, and how the monies which had been collected had been issued out. They called the giving up the towns in Munster by the lord Inchiquin's officers, "the conspiracy and "treachery of all the English, out of their malice

" to catholic religion;" and thereupon pressed the lord lieutenant to dismiss all the English gentlemen who yet remained with him. They called every unprosperous accident that had fallen out, " a foul " miscarriage;" and published a declaration full of libellous invectives against the English, without sparing the person of the lord lieutenant; who, they said, " being of a contrary religion, and a " known inveterate enemy to the catholic, was not " fit to be intrusted with the conduct of a war that " was raised for the support and preservation of " it;" and shortly after sent an address to the lord lieutenant himself, in which they told him, " that " the people were so far unsatisfied with his con- " duct, especially for his aversion from the catholic " religion, and his favouring heretics, that they " were unanimously resolved, as one man, not to " submit any longer to his command, nor to raise " any more money, or men, to be applied to the " king's service under his authority." But, on the other side, they assured him, " that their duty and " zeal was so entire and real for the king, and their " resolution so absolute never to withdraw them- " selves from his obedience, that, if he would " depart the kingdom, and commit the command " thereof into the hands of any person of honour of " the catholic religion, he would thereby unite the " whole nation to the king; and they would imme- " diately raise an army that should drive Ireton " quickly again into Dublin;" and, that the lord lieutenant might know that they would not depart from this determination, they published soon after an excommunication against all persons who should obey any of the lieutenant's orders, or raise money or men by virtue of his authority.

During all these agitations, many of the Roman catholic nobility, and other persons of the best quality, remained very faithful to the lord lieutenant; and cordially interposed with the bishops to prevent their violent proceedings; but had not power either to persuade or restrain them. The lord lieutenant had no reason to be delighted with his empty title to command a people who would not obey, and knew the daily danger he was in, of being betrayed, and delivered into the hands of Ireton, or being assassinated in his own quarters. And though he did not believe that the Irish would behave themselves with more fidelity and courage for the king's interest, when he should be gone; well knowing that their bishops and clergy designed nothing but to put themselves under the government of some popish prince, and had at that time sent agents into foreign parts for that purpose; yet he knew likewise that there were in truth men enough, and arms, and all provisions for the carrying on the war, who, if they were united, and heartily resolved to preserve themselves, would be much superior in number to any power Ireton could bring against them. He knew likewise, that he could safely deposit the king's authority in the hands of a person of unquestionable fidelity, whom the king would, without any scruple, trust, and whom the Irish could not except against, being of their own nation, of the greatest fortune and interest amongst them, and of the most eminent constancy to the Roman catholic religion of any man in the three kingdoms; and that was the marquis of Clanrickard. And therefore, since it was to no purpose to stay longer there himself, and it was in his power safely to make the experiment,

whether the Irish would in truth perform what was in their power to perform, and which they so solemnly promised to do, he thought he should be inexcusable to the king, if he should not consent to that expedient. The great difficulty was to persuade the marquis of Clanrickard to accept the trust, who was a man, though of an unquestionable courage, yet, of an infirm health; and loved and enjoyed great ease throughout his whole life; and of a constitution not equal to the fatigue and distresses, that the conducting such a war must subject him to. He knew well, and monstrously detested, the levity, inconstancy, and infidelity of his countrymen: nor did he in any degree like the presumption of the popish bishops and clergy, and the exorbitant power which they had assumed, and usurped to themselves; and therefore he had no mind to engage himself in such a command. But by the extraordinary importunity of the marquis of Ormond, with whom he had preserved a fast and unshaken friendship, and his pressing him to preserve Ireland to the king, without which it would throw itself into the arms of a foreigner; and then the same importunity from all the Irish nobility, bishops, and clergy, (after the lord lieutenant had informed them of his purpose,) "that "he would preserve his nation, which, without his "acceptance of their protection, would infallibly be "extirpated," and their joint promise, "that they "would absolutely submit to all his commands, "and hold no assembly or meeting amongst themselves, without his permission and commission," together with his unquestionable desire to do any thing, how contrary soever to his own inclination

and benefit, that would be acceptable to the king, and might possibly bring some advantage to his majesty's service, he was in the end prevailed upon to receive a commission from the lord lieutenant to be deputy of Ireland, and undertook that charge.

How well they complied afterwards with their promises and protestations, and how much better subjects they proved to be under their catholic governor, than they had been under their protestant, will be related at large hereafter. In the mean time the marquis of Ormond would not receive a pass from Ireton, who would willingly have granted it, as he did to all the English officers that desired it; but embarked himself, with some few gentlemen besides his own servants, in a small frigate, and arrived safely in Normandy; and so went to Caen; where his wife and family had remained from the time of his departure thence. This was shortly after the king's defeat at Worcester, and, as soon as his majesty arrived at Paris, he forthwith attended him, and was most welcome to him.

Scotland being thus subdued, and Ireland reduced to that obedience as the parliament could wish, nothing could be expected to be done in England for the king's advantage. From the time that Cromwell was chosen general in the place of Fairfax, he took all occasions to discountenance the presbyterians, and to put them out of all trust and employment, as well in the country as in the army; and, whilst he was in Scotland, he had intercepted some letters from one Love, a presbyterian minister in London, (a fellow who hath been

mentioned before, in the time the treaty was at Uxbridge, for preaching against peace,) to a leading preacher in Scotland; and sent such an information against him, with so many successive instances that justice might be exemplarily done upon him, that, in spite of all the opposition which the presbyterians could make, who appeared publicly with their utmost power, the man was condemned and executed upon Tower-hill. And, to shew their impartiality, at the same time and place they executed Brown Bushel, who had formerly served the parliament in the beginning of the rebellion, and shortly after served the king to the end of the war, and had lived some years in England after the war expired, untaken notice of, but, upon this occasion, and to accompany this preacher, was enviously discovered, and put to death.

It is a wonderful thing what operation this presbyterian spirit had upon the minds of those who were possessed by it. This poor man Love, who had been guilty of as much treason against the king, from the beginning of the rebellion, as the pulpit could contain, was so much without remorse for any wickedness of that kind that he had committed, that he was jealous of nothing so much, as of being suspected to repent, or that he was brought to suffer for his affection to the king. And therefore, when he was upon the scaffold, where he appeared with a marvellous undauntedness, he seemed so much delighted with the memory of all that he had done against the late king, and against the bishops, that he was even then transported to speak with animosity and bitterness against both, and expressed great satisfaction in

mind for what he had done against them, and was as much transported with the inward joy of mind, that he felt in being brought thither to die as a martyr, and to give testimony for the covenant; "whatsoever he had done being in the pursuit of "the ends," he said, "of that sanctified obliga- "tion, to which he was in and by his conscience "engaged." And in this raving fit, without so much as praying for the king, otherwise than that he might propagate the covenant, he laid his head upon the block with as much courage as the bravest and honestest man could do in the most pious occasion.

When Cromwell returned to London, he caused several high courts of justice to be erected, by which many gentlemen of quality were condemned, and executed in many parts of the kingdom, as well as in London, who had been taken prisoners at Worcester, or discovered to have been there. And, that the terror might be universal, some were put to death for loose discourses in taverns, what they would do towards restoring the king, and others for having blank commissions found in their hands signed by the king, though they had never attempted to do any thing thereupon, nor, for ought appeared, intended to do. And under these desolate apprehensions all the royal and loyal party lay grovelling, and prostrate, after the defeat of Worcester.

There was at this time with the king the marquis of Ormond; who came thither before the chancellor of the exchequer. Though his majesty was now in unquestionable safety, the straits and necessities he was in were as unquestionable;

which exposed him to all the troubles and uneasiness that the masters of very indigent families are subjected to; and the more, because all men considered only his quality, and not his fortune: so that men had the same emulations and ambitions, as if the king had all to give which was taken from him, and thought it a good argument for them to ask, because he had nothing to give; and asked very improper reversions, because he could not grant the possession; and were solicitous for honours, which he had power to grant, because he had no fortunes which he could give them.

There had been a great acquaintance between the marquis of Ormond, when he was lord Thurles, in the life of his grandfather, and the chancellor of the exchequer, which was renewed, by a mutual correspondence, when they both came to have shares in the public business, the one in Ireland, and the other in England: so that when they now met at Paris, they met as old friends, and quickly understood each other so well, that there could not be a more entire confidence between men. The marquis consulted with him in his nearest concernments, and the chancellor esteemed and cultivated the friendship with all possible industry and application. The king was abundantly satisfied in the friendship they had for each other, and trusted them both entirely; nor was it in the power of any, though it was often endeavoured by persons of no ordinary account, to break or interrupt that mutual confidence between them, during the whole time the king remained beyond the seas; whereby the king's perplexed affairs were carried on with the less trouble. And the chancellor did always

acknowledge, that the benefit of this friendship was so great to him, that, without it, he could not have borne the weight of that part of the king's business which was incumbent on him, nor the envy and reproach that attended the trust.

Besides the wants and necessities which the king was pressed with in respect of himself, who had nothing, but was obliged to provide himself by credit in clothes, and all other necessaries for his person, and of his family, which he saw reduced to all extremities; he was much disquieted by the necessities in his brother the duke of York's family, (which the queen did not provide for in the least degree,) and by the disorder and faction in it. The queen complained heavily of sir George Ratcliff, and the attorney; and more of the first, because that he pretended to some right of being of the duke's family by a grant of the late king; which his present majesty determined against him; and reprehended his activity in the last summer. Sir John Berkley had most of the queen's favour; and, though he had at that time no interest in the duke's affection, he found a way to ingratiate himself with his royal highness, by insinuating into him two particulars, in both which he foresaw advantage to himself. Though no man acted the governor's part more imperiously than he had done whilst the lord Byron was absent, finding that he himself was liable in some degree to be governed upon that lord's return, he had used all the ways he could, that the duke might be exempted from any subjection to a governor, presuming, that, when that title should be extinguished, he should be possessed of some such office and relation, as should

not be under the control of any but the duke himself. But he had not yet been able to bring that to pass; which was the reason that he stayed at Paris when his highness visited Flanders and Holland. Now he took advantage of the activity of the duke's spirit, and infused into him, "that it "would be for his honour to put himself into "action, and not to be learning his exercises in "Paris whilst the army was in the field:" a proposition first intimated by the cardinal, "that the "duke was now of years to learn his *métier*, and "had now the opportunity to improve himself, by "being in the care of a general reputed equal to "any captain in Christendom, with whom he "might learn that experience, and make those "observations, as might enable him to serve the "king his brother, who must hope to recover his "right only by the sword." This the cardinal had said both to the queen and to the lord Jermyn, whilst the king was in Scotland, when no man had the hardiness to advise it in that conjuncture. But, after the king's return from England, there wanted nothing but the approbation of his majesty; and no man more desired it than the lord Byron, who had had good command, and preferred that kind of life before that which he was obliged to live in at Paris. There was no need of spurs to be employed to incite the duke; who was most impatient to be in the army. And therefore sir John Berkley could not any other way make himself so grateful to him, as by appearing to be of that mind, and by telling the duke, "that whoso-"ever opposed it, and dissuaded the king from "giving his consent, was an enemy to his high-

" ness's glory, and desired that he should live " always in pupilage;" not omitting to put him in mind, " that his very entrance into the army set " him at liberty, and put him into his own disposal; " since no man went into the field under the direc- " tion of a governor;" still endeavouring to improve his prejudice against those who should either dissuade him from pursuing that resolution, or endeavour to persuade the king not to approve it; " which," he told him, " could proceed from no- " thing but want of affection to his person." By this means he hoped to raise a notable dislike in him of the chancellor of the exchequer, who, he believed, did not like the design, because he having spoken to him of it, the other had not enlarged upon it as an argument that pleased him.

The duke pressed it with earnestness and passion, in which he dissembled not; and found the queen, as well as the king, very reserved in the point; which proceeded from their tenderness towards him, and lest they might be thought to be less tender of his safety than they ought to be. His highness then conferred with those, who, he thought, were most like to be consulted with by the king, amongst whom he knew the chancellor was one; and finding him to speak with less warmth than the rest, as if he thought it a matter worthy of great deliberation, his highness was confirmed in the jealousy which sir John Berkley had kindled in him, that he was the principal person who obstructed the king's condescension. There was at that time no man with the king who had been a counsellor to his father, or sworn to himself, but the chancellor of the exchequer. The marquis

of Ormond, though he had administered the affairs in Ireland, was never sworn a counsellor in England; yet his majesty looked upon him in all respects most fit to advise him; and thought it necessary to form such a body, as should be esteemed by all men as his privy council, without whose advice he would take no resolutions. The king knew the queen would not be well pleased, if the lord Jermyn were not one; who in all other respects was necessary to that trust, in respect all addresses to the court of France were to be made by him: and the lord Wilmot, who had cultivated the king's affection during the time of their peregrination, and drawn many promises from him, and was full of projects for his service, could not be left out. The king therefore called the marquis of Ormond, the lord Jermyn, and the lord Wilmot, to the council board; and declared, "that they three, "together with the chancellor of the exchequer, "should be consulted with in all his affairs." The queen very earnestly pressed the king, "that sir "John Berkley might likewise be made a counsel-"lor;" which his majesty would not consent to; and thought he could not refuse the same honour to the lord Wentworth, the lord Byron, or any other person of honour who should wait upon him, if he granted it to sir John Berkley, who had no manner of pretence.

Berkley took this refusal very heavily, and thought his great parts, and the services he had performed, which were known to very few, might well enough distinguish him from other men. But, because he would not be thought without some just pretence which others had not, he very confi-

dently insisted upon a right he had, by a promise of the late king, to be master of the wards; and that officer had usually been of the privy council. The evidence he had of that promise was an intercepted letter from the late king to the queen, which the parliament had caused to be printed. In that letter the king answered a letter he had received from her majesty, in which she put him in mind, "that he had promised her to make Jack "Berkley" (which was the style in the letter) "master of the wards;" which, the king said, "he "wondered at, since he could not remember that "she had ever spoken to him to that purpose;" implying likewise "that he was not fit for it." He pressed the chancellor of the exchequer "to urge "this matter of right to the king," (and said, "the "queen would declare the king had promised it to "her,) and to prevail with his majesty to make "him presently master of the wards; which would "give him such a title to the board, that others "could not take his being called thither as a pre-"judice to them."

The chancellor had at that time much kindness for him, and did really desire to oblige him, but he durst not urge that for a reason to the king, which could be none, and what he knew, as well as a negative could be known, had no foundation of truth. For besides that he very well knew the late king had not so good an opinion of sir John Berkley, as he himself did at that time heartily wish, and endeavour to infuse into him, the king had, after that promise was pretended to be made, granted that office at Oxford to the lord Cottington; who executed it as long as offices were executed under the

grant of the crown, and was possessed of the title to his death. The chancellor did therefore very earnestly endeavour to dissuade him from making that pretence and demand to the king; and told him, "the king could not at this time do a more "ungracious thing, and that would lose him more "the hearts and affections of the nobility and "gentry of England, than in making a master of "the wards, in a time when it would not be the "least advantage to his majesty or the officer, to "declare that he resolved to insist upon that part "of his prerogative which his father had consented "to part with; the resuming whereof in the full "rigour, which he might lawfully do, would ruin "most of the estates of England, as well of his "friends as enemies, in regard of the vast arrears "incurred in so many years; and therefore what-"ever his majesty might think to resolve hereafter, "when it should please God to restore him, for "the present there must be no thought of such an "officer."

Sir John Berkley was not satisfied at all with the reason that was alleged; and very unsatisfied with the unkindness (as he called it) of the refusal to interpose in it; and said, "since his friends "would not, he would himself require justice of "the king;" and immediately, hearing that the king was in the next room, went to him; and in the warmth he had contracted by the chancellor's contradiction, pressed his majesty "to make good "the promise his father had made;" and magnified the services he had done; which he did really believe to have been very great, and, by the custom of making frequent relations of his own ac-

tions, grew in very good earnest to think he had done many things which nobody else ever heard of. The king, who knew him very well, and believed little of his history, and less of his father's promise, was willing rather to reclaim him from his importunity, than to give him a positive denial, (which in his nature his majesty affected not,) lest it might indispose his mother or his brother: and so, to every part of his request concerning the being of the council, and concerning the office, gave him such reasons against the gratifying him for the present, that he could not but plainly discern that his majesty was very averse from it. But that consideration prevailed not with him; he used so great importunity, notwithstanding all the reasons which had been alleged, that at the last the king prevailed with himself, which he used not to do in such cases, to give him a positive denial, and reprehension, at once; and so left him.

All this he imputed to the chancellor of the exchequer; and though he knew well he had not, nor could have spoken with the king from the time they had spoken together, before himself had that audience from his majesty, he declared, "that he "knew all that indisposition had been infused by "him; because many of the reasons, which his "majesty had given against his doing what he de-"sired, were the very same that the chancellor "had urged to him;" though they could not but have occurred to any reasonable man, who had been called to consult upon that subject. This passion prevailed so far upon him, that, notwithstanding the advice of some of his best friends to the contrary, he took an opportunity to walk into

the long gallery of the Louvre with the chancellor shortly after: and, in a very calm, though a very confused discourse, told him, "that, since he was "resolved to break all friendship with him, which "had continued now near twenty years, he thought "it but just to give him notice of it, that from "henceforward he might not expect any friendship "from him, but that they might live towards each "other with that civility only that strangers use "to do." The chancellor told him, "that the "same justice that disposed him to give this "notice, should likewise oblige him to declare "the reason of this resolution;" and asked him, "whether he had ever broken his word to him? "or promised to do what he had not done?" He answered, "his exception was, that he could not "be brought to make any promise; and that their "judgments were so different, that he would no "more depend upon him:" and so they parted, without ever after having conversation with each other whilst they remained in France.

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